

12,000 Muslims and a Trek Through Serb Killing Fields

By Michael Dobbs and Christine Spolar
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As Bosnian Serb forces closed in on the United Nations "safe area" of Srebrenica in early July, some 12,000 Muslim men gathered on a hill outside the town. Terrified of being killed by the advancing Serbs, they decided to gamble their lives on an arduous 60-mile trek through enemy-held territory to reach the Muslim stronghold of Tuzla.

human-rights organizations and Bosnian officials.

Nearly all of the remainder were butchered by troops under the command of General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military commander, despite repeated promises he gave the refugees that he would personally ensure their safety. For the rest of that week, a large area of eastern Bosnia was turned into a brutal killing field.

The accounts now available indicate that the massacres in the Srebrenica area during the week starting July 11 were the worst atrocities committed in Europe since World War II.

"Being there, and seeing so many people executed was terrible," said Husein Suljic, a 35-year-old Muslim who survived a massacre near the town of Karakaj by staying motionless beneath a pile of dead bodies. "Anybody who moved or screamed was killed," he said. "I was afraid someone could be alive on my back, and if he moved, they would shoot us again. Fortunately, they were all dead."

Although reports of mass killings began to circulate soon after the fall of Srebrenica, the full horror of what took place became apparent only much later as survivors of the long march told their stories to journalists, diplomats and human-rights activists.

A detailed reconstruction of events by The Washington Post now suggests that there were at least five or six separate massacre sites, where large numbers of Muslim men were buried in mass graves, as well as dozens of other places where individual killings took place.

A town of about 12,000 that swelled to three times that number with refugees, Srebrenica is nestled in wooded hills close to Bosnia's Drina River border with Serbian-dominated Yugoslavia.

Earlier this summer, Bosnian Serb commanders decided to consolidate their control of eastern Bosnia, eliminating the government enclaves. In a letter to UN officials in early July, General Mladic complained that Muslim fighters operating out of the Srebrenica pocket

had mounted raids against nearby Serbian villages, killing more than 100 civilians. On July 6, the Bosnian Serb Army mounted a full-scale assault on the enclave with tanks and artillery, and Srebrenica fell five days later.

The following description of what befell the inhabitants of Srebrenica was put together from accounts given by survivors and witnesses in interviews conducted in the Muslim-controlled Tuzla region in recent days. It also draws on testimony collected by human-rights organizations including Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the UN Human Rights Commission.

The exodus of the fighting-age men of Srebrenica began relatively uneventfully. In order to avoid land mines, the men marched two abreast. It took seven hours for the columns to clear the opening stretch. The horrors began as the men approached the

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Yeltsin Back In Hospital After Heart Incident

Meeting in Moscow Of Balkan Leaders On Tuesday in Doubt

By Lee Hockstader
Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — For the second time in less than four months, President Boris N. Yeltsin was rushed to the hospital suffering acute heart pain Thursday.

Aides said that Mr. Yeltsin, 64, had suffered from a restricted supply of blood carrying oxygen to his heart, a condition known as ischemia. A bout of the same problem in July sent the Russian leader to the hospital for two weeks and kept him out of work for nearly a month.

"The president's condition does not inspire great optimism," said Viktor Ilyushin, a top aide to Mr. Yeltsin.

Nonetheless, officials said the president's condition this time was less serious than in July and stressed that he remained in control of the country.

Mr. Yeltsin's sudden illness comes at an inopportune moment. He was to act as host of a top-level meeting of the leaders of Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia in Moscow next Tuesday. That meeting is now in doubt, and the Kremlin also announced that Mr. Yeltsin's planned trip to China in the first half of November would have to be postponed.

Mr. Yeltsin's health problems are a blow to his efforts to portray himself as fit enough to run for re-election next summer. In recent weeks he has played tennis with the president of Belarus and challenged President Jacques Chirac of France to a match.

Moreover, he has fired or criticized his most unpopular ministers and generally given every indication that he is positioning himself to run for a second term as president. He was elected to a five-year term in 1991.

Mr. Yeltsin, who has a long history of heart ailments and is known to drink heavily at times, had returned on Tuesday from what his aides called a tiring trip to France and the United States, during which his face was puffy, his eyes narrowed to slits and he appeared generally unwell.

Mr. Ilyushin said Mr. Yeltsin was overworked and under considerable "intellectual, moral and physical pressure" on the trip, during which he took part in celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations and met with President Bill Clinton at Franklin D. Roosevelt's boyhood home in Hyde Park, New York.

According to press reports and the accounts of Kremlin officials, Mr. Yeltsin was stricken shortly after lunchtime Thursday as he worked at one of his country residences near Moscow. He was taken by helicopter to the Central Clinical Hospital, a special facility for Kremlin leaders and other elite figures where Mr. Yeltsin was hospitalized this summer after he experienced

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Dini Survives With Vow To Quit by End of Year

By Celestine Bohlen
New York Times Service

ROME — Prime Minister Lamberto Dini of Italy rescued his caretaker government from defeat in Parliament with a last-minute promise Thursday to step down before Jan. 1, after passage of the 1996 national budget.

His pledge, made at the end of a dramatic speech, was enough to change the minds of Italy's small far-left Communist Refounding Party which, until then, had been ready to join forces with Italy's center-right parties to topple Mr. Dini's government.

Without the support of the 24 Communist deputies, who boycotted the vote, the center-right coalition headed by former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi fell short of the majority needed to pass a no-confidence measure it introduced against Mr. Dini on Oct. 20. The measure, voted on after two days of debate, was rejected, 310 to 291.

But the political crisis, which erupted late last week over the ousting of Mr. Dini's justice minister, promises to continue, with the next battle looming over the \$20.3 billion budget itself. Mr. Dini, a former central banker, was appointed last January to head an ostensibly nonpolitical government whose main task was to bring Italy's fiscal deficit under control.

Mr. Berlusconi's chief ally, Gianfranco Fini, who heads the far-right National Alliance, vowed Thursday to oppose Mr. Dini on the budget, which as presented by the

government would further trim the public deficit with a combination of spending cuts and new revenues. "The budget is in peril," Mr. Fini warned.

Nor, said Mr. Fini, is the hard-line Marxist party that rescued Mr. Dini on Thursday likely to help him the next time around. The Communist Refounding Party has opposed Mr. Dini's efforts to bring public spending in line, in particular his reform earlier this year of Italy's bloated pension system.

Mr. Fini accused the Dini government of having shed its political neutrality to side squarely with the Party of the Democratic Left, which is the main heir of Italy's once-powerful Communist Party. Mr. Berlusconi has repeatedly argued that the left has usurped the mandate that his center-right coalition won in the March 1994 elections and lost last December when a key member of the coalition pulled out.

"The parties of the left support a government which has become a government of the left," Mr. Fini said. "Now we are the opposition."

The short-lived crisis may have succeeded in defining the battle lines within Italy's divided Parliament, but it has left the political landscape even more confused than it was before.

An embryonic center-left alliance, under the leadership of Romano Prodi, an economist who is still untested politically, was left badly battered when the Communist Refounding Party initially deserted

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MARCH OF CONTROVERSY — Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, right, and Vice-Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel watching Austrian soldiers marching down the Ringstrasse in Vienna on Thursday to mark the 50th anniversary of its post-World War II national day. The chancellor had initially vowed to stay away from the march.

Japanese Public Opens War on Finance Ministry

By Sandra Sugawara
Washington Post Service

TOKYO — Through years of currency turmoil and foreign-trade disputes, Japanese officials have counted on nationalistic support from the Japanese public and news media.

But now, confronted with a \$1.1 billion bond-trading loss at the New York office of Daiwa Bank, that support has turned to anger, aimed at Daiwa and the Ministry of Finance.

In recent weeks a large number of Japanese editorialists and commentators have assailed the ministry, home to Japan's most powerful bureaucrats and long considered all but infallible. Some critics have called for its breakup, unthinkable just a few months ago.

Driving the criticism is the disclosure that the ministry heard of the losses from Daiwa in early August but took no action on its own to verify them, and kept U.S. regulators in the dark for six weeks. Statements by ministry officials that they merely followed the trust-based Japanese way of doing things have been ridiculed.

"Their incompetence at the fundamen-

tal task of bank inspection has now been revealed to a stunned international financial world," said an editorial in the Nikkei Weekly. The paper said the inspectors should be shifted to an independent organization, and the division that "gives guidance" to the banking industry should be abolished.

Alluding to the ministry's enormous reach and its roles as both regulator and adviser, Asahi Shimbun Weekly said, "The defendant, plaintiff and judge are sitting at the same table. This is hardly the way to handle the problem."

In private, business executives often criticize the ministry, complaining that it has failed to bring Japan out of a four-year-old recession. But, wary of the agency's power over virtually all walks of Japanese financial life, they decline to be quoted about it.

For now, few ministry watchers expect its power to be seriously downgraded. That would require legislation, and there is no sign of momentum for such a move among politicians.

Still, it is a breathtaking change for an agency in which bureaucrats, graduates of the best schools in the country, labor long hours in drab offices in central Tokyo and have long been considered the elite of the elite.

But some Japanese, tired of four years of recession and worried about the safety of their family accounts in a banking system

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AGENDA

U.S. House Approves Budget Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a momentous break with the past, the House of Representatives passed a Republican balanced-budget bill Thursday that would shrink the federal government, cut taxes and return power to the states. Democrats battled to the end against the measure. The vote was 227 to 203, with nearly all Republicans in favor and nearly all Democrats opposed.

A cheer went up from the Republicans as the vote count climbed past 217, the number needed to assure passage in the 433-member House. President Clinton has threatened to veto the measure. Earlier article, Page 3

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Chirac, Eye on Tumbling Polls, Wades Into Battle of the Budget

By Joseph Fitchett
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International Herald Tribune

Plunging into a leadership vacuum in France, President Jacques Chirac threw his political prestige Thursday behind the government's bid to cut public spending and curb welfare as the unavoidable cost of restoring economic health.

And his personal commitment to the view that France must remain in step with Germany seemed bound to reassure his main foreign partner, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and international financial markets.

Mr. Chirac, unusually eloquent and unusually somber in a televised interview, did not underestimate the difficulties ahead in what he said was a two-year effort to purge France's bloated spending by government and in public health services.

In coming off the fence clearly for the first time about France's economic priorities, Mr. Chirac's performance mirrored the political U-turn early in the previous presidency when President Francois Mitterrand, elected as a Socialist but facing an acute financial crisis after two years in office, turned his back on radical economic options and embraced austerity policies in line with Germany's.

It will be shock therapy for large sectors of the French nation — for example, civil servants who staged a nationwide general strike this month over a proposed wage freeze next year. Mr. Chirac explicitly defended the controversial plan, saying it had to be part of a general belt-tightening.

Mr. Chirac's attempt to clarify domestic policy goals, after only five months in

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A Future Colossus Makes Waves in Pastoral Western Ireland

By James F. Clarity
New York Times Service

FEEARD, Ireland — A band of anxious, defiant people here on the blustery Loop Head peninsula in western Ireland have effectively declared war, or at least a state of permanent hostility, on their government 200 miles away in Dublin.

They are upset because they do not want a 720-foot navigation beacon erected in the fields here, where healthy cows now graze and children play near cliffs overlooking the wind-swept Atlantic.

The radio beacon would be three and a half times taller than any building in Ireland. According to the government, which agreed to put it up as part of a system including beacons in France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Germany, the beacon is need-

ed to improve safety at sea and would help all ships passing within 200 miles of Ireland, particularly the Irish fishing fleet.

But to many of the 800 people here in villages like Feeard, Kilbaha, Killy, Cross and Carrigaholt, the beacon would deface the landscape, cause health problems in cows and children because of possibly increased electromagnetic waves, be a military target in time of war and possibly, they say quite seriously, help French submarines bearing nuclear missiles to prepare for attacks on Australia or Greenpeace.

The Irish government denies all the charges. The French ambassador denies that France, which is paying more than half the cost, intends to use the beacon for military purposes.

Still, the 200 or so militant opponents of the beacon, part of the Loran C navigational system for

northern Europe, recently won a court decision that temporarily blocks construction.

The opponents' campaign reflects many national concerns: how to increase economically needed tourism by making the countryside more attractive; how, as a perennially neutral country, Ireland should cooperate with European projects that may have military implications; how to be a member in good standing of the European Union.

Most of the opponents are farmers working long days with their milk cows. But there is also a silent minority here, who, if they are not against the beacon, are apathetic and do not like to give their names when they discuss it. They would disagree with John McInerney, a retired banker who now runs a shellfish farm and is a leader in the fight against the beacon.

"To my knowledge there is not one voice in support

of the mast on the Loop Head peninsula," he said. But a businessman in the area said there was also an element of what the Irish call "begrudgery."

"It's a small bunch making a lot of noise," he said. "There's a lot of jealousy. Some of the farmers are unhappy that the government did not offer to buy their land."

Gesturing at overhead telephone lines, he added, "There's more electromagnetic power in those lines than in the mast."

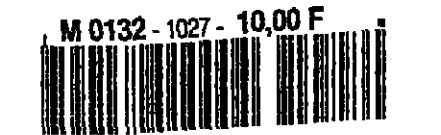
The government paid about \$585,000 to six farmers for a 137-acre plot for the beacon, and the farmers keep the money whether or not it goes up.

Margaret Considine and her husband, Pat, who have three young sons and 34 cows on their 65-acre

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50 Slain in 2 Years / Islamic Extremists' Campaign of Terror

For Algeria's Journalists, a Deadly Front Line

By Barry James
International Herald Tribune

On the day that he was murdered last Dec. 3, the editor of the Algerian daily *Le Matin*, Said Mekbel, wrote a prophetic column about the "vagabond" life that journalists in Algeria have to lead.

"He no longer knows where he will spend the night," Mr. Mekbel said. "He's the one who is threatened in the closed walls of a government office, the witness who must stifle what he knows, a naked, bewildered citizen. He has made a vow not to die with his throat slashed. There's nothing else he can do with his hands, only write his articles. Yet he hopes against hope, because roses grow well on manure heaps, don't they?"

As Algeria's presidential election campaign got under way this week, the situation of the journalists — who have seen 50 of their colleagues assassinated in little more than two years — has seldom been starker. The extremist Islamic opposition has called for a boycott of the election, which it condemns as a democratic facade.

This means that merely by writing about the campaign, and giving it a kind of legitimacy through their words and images, journalists could be putting their lives at greater risk.

Ahmed Toumiat, the secretary-general of the Algerian Journalists Association, said the danger had increased because "the fundamentalists are looking for headline-grabbing attacks" in the run-up to the election.

He added, however, "I think the security measures put in place by the government during the campaign will enable a certain number of journalists to carry out coverage normally with a maximum of security."

Nevertheless, the government cannot provide an armed guard for every journalist all the time, nor would many reporters want to be that closely involved with the military-backed regime.

This means that many journalists will go on doing what they have been doing all along. Although some senior reporters and editors live in a heavily fortified seaside hotel, their families do not, and neither do the majority of the nation's journalists, who have to work out their own survival tactics.

Mr. Toumiat said they avoid going into the streets, vary their travel habits and sleep in different places each night. They go about their jobs with frequently little more protection than the average citizen.

"They continue to do their work normally, and take some precautions, but nothing out of the ordinary," Mr. Toumiat added.

Three newspaper people have already died this month in a campaign to silence the fourth estate that is unprecedented in its scope and ferocity. They include a 27-year-old woman reporter with the *Algeria Daily Arab Life*, the 36-year-old editor of the Arabic daily *Al Khabar* and the 43-year-old commercial director of the newspaper *Al Chaab*.

"The fundamentalist communiqués make it clear that journalists are the targets, and they

call on their followers to kill them," Mr. Toumiat said in a telephone interview from Algiers.

Many journalists have received miniature coffins through the mail, or death threats like this letter sent to the editor of a daily newspaper: "You are going to die. If not today, you can be sure you will die tomorrow. And your name will be inscribed in the glorious pages of the Islamic movement."

The Algerian conflict erupted in January 1992, when the government annulled elections that had been won by the fundamentalist-led Islamic Salvation Front. The killing of journalists began in May 1993 with the assassination of Tahaj Djaout, 39, editor in chief of the weekly magazine *Ruptures*, which had opposed Islamic tenets.

With the rise of a shadowy and more bloodthirsty fundamentalist organization called the Armed Islamic Group, the number of murdered journalists rose inexorably after the group warned, "Those who fight with their pens will die by the sword."

One reason they have been singled out as targets, Algerian journalists believe, is that along with intellectuals they are symbols of the modernity and cosmopolitanism that the fundamentalists oppose.

In an interview with *Le Monde*, Zehira Yahi, director of Radio-Alger, a French-language international service, explained why she thought journalists and foreigners, in particular, had become targets for the fundamentalists.

"Clearly, these killings do not correspond to any logic, other than that of hatred and despair," she said. "Unable to gain power through their religious arguments, the extremists want to deprive Algeria of all its leading classes, all of its citizens who are trying to create a politically, economically and culturally progressive and modern country."

Mr. Toumiat said one of the hardest things journalists had to bear was a sense of isolation — the feeling that the rest of the world does not know or care about their plight.

The isolation is intensified by the fact that very few foreign journalists are prepared to run the risk of being shot or having their throats cut. French television crews go to Algeria from time to time, but they are accompanied by heavy military escorts. The French Foreign Ministry advised journalists last week not to go to Algeria to cover the election.

To make it easier and safer for foreign correspondents to cover Algeria, the International Federation of Journalists in Brussels is setting up a secure press center in the Maison de la Presse in Algiers, a guarded complex where most media organizations have their offices. Journalists are considered to be safe inside the complex, but their lives are at risk as soon as they leave.

Omar Quatilan, editor of *Al Khabar*, was shot Oct. 3 only a few streets away from the center.



Three sons of Mohammed Abderrahmani, a slain editor, carrying his picture at his funeral.

Jean-Paul Marthoz, head of the federation's Media for Democracy program, is in Algiers this week to set up the press center, but he said he doubted it would be in operation until the beginning of December. He said it would be a point of contact between Algerian and foreign journalists, adding, "We do want a zone where foreign correspondents" can go.

Local support as well as some material support for the Algerian journalists also has come from the French-based group, Reporters Sans Frontières, and from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris. Its director general, Federico Mayor, has pledged that UNESCO "will continue to call for an end to this campaign of aggression against those who work to ensure the free flow of information so vital to democracy."

In previous conflicts, journalists have enjoyed some measure of safety if only because both governments and armed dissident groups wanted to get their message out. But this relative immunity started to break down in the Argentine dirty war in the 1970s, when many journalists were among those swept off the streets and murdered by the military.

In Colombia, crusading journalists were earmarked for murder by the cocaine cartels.

In response to such attacks, a group of American foreign correspondents established the Committee to Protect Journalists in New

York, which is closely watching the Algerian situation. Its research director, Evran Gidron, said that there was little the committee could do, however, other than to keep an accurate count of those killed — he put it at 50, although other organizations put it slightly higher or lower — and to lend a helping hand to the relative handful of journalists who manage to get out of the country and seek political asylum.

Rather than using the press, Islamic fundamentalists have turned to killing journalists as "a perverse way of getting publicity," Mr. Gidron said. Even with an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 people killed in the Algerian civil conflict, the murder of a journalist still attracts headlines and a prominent place on TV news, reinforcing the impression that they are a target of preference for the fundamentalist killers.

Despite the risk they face, most journalists are poorly paid. Mr. Toumiat said the average journalist's salary is about 10,000 dinars (\$200) a month. The families of some of those who were murdered were left completely without resources, he said.

Among journalists, Mr. Toumiat said, "There is a spirit of idealism. Otherwise, they would all have left the profession."

Omar Belhouciet, editor of *El Watan*, has escaped two assassination attempts. He wrote: "I cannot leave my country. It's a part of me. But I've no wish to be a martyr. I'm a fighter. I want to live. What good would it do if I died?"

Madrid Ex-Aide May Face Court
Another Blow to González Over Death Squad Case

The Associated Press

MADRID — The Supreme Court said Thursday it was asking Parliament to lift immunity for former Interior Minister José Barrionuevo in order to question him about his alleged role in death squads that hunted down Basque separatists.

The court's decision was a serious blow to Prime Minister Felipe González, who has repeatedly denied that any member of his government cooperated or knew about the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Groups, known as GAL, that killed 29 people between 1983 and 1987.

Parliament will have 60 days to grant or refuse the request.

Mr. González's troubles appeared to be mounting. The decision came a day after Judge Maria Jesus Coronado said a review of Bank of Spain accounts directly implicated Mr. Barrionuevo's successor, José Luis Corcuera, in the misuse of the covert funds, which mainly finance anti-terrorist and other secret law enforcement operations.

The judge said the ministry's former secretary of state for security, Rafael Vera, and his one-time assistant, Julian San Cristóbal, were also being accused of embezzling the funds.

Mr. Vera and Mr. San Cristóbal, already have been indicted on charges in the death squad case. Judge Eduardo Moner of the Supreme Court, who urged that Mr. Barrionuevo be questioned, also is studying allegations that another three

deputies, including Mr. González, were involved in organizing and running the squads.

The GAL scandal is one of the main reasons opposition parties united Wednesday to reject the minority Socialist government's 1996 budget bill, handing Mr. González his first parliamentary defeat since he took office in 1982.

The rejection was taken to be a symbolic vote of no confidence.

Months of allegations that the government ran hit squads that targeted the armed Basque separatist group ETA have proved the most damaging among several scandals that have undermined Mr. González's government.

Opinion polls indicate the conservative Popular Party would swamp the Socialists if elections were held today.

Mr. Barrionuevo denies he acted illegally while he served as minister. Mr. Corcuera, meanwhile, admits to having used ministry funds to pay bonuses and buy gifts for certain people during his term, but insists he did not violate ministry norms.

Neither Mr. Corcuera nor his two ministry aides have been formally charged or questioned in the case.

Mr. Barrionuevo was interior minister from 1982 to 1988. He was succeeded by Mr. Corcuera, who resigned as minister and parliamentary deputy in 1993 when a law he had promoted was overruled as unconstitutional by the courts.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Belgium Faces Rail Strike Today

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Train traffic in Belgium could be severely disrupted Friday by a one-day strike, the Belgian railways said Thursday.

All traffic, both domestic and international, is expected to be affected by the strike, which started at 10 P.M. on Thursday and was to end 24 hours later.

Bonn Agrees on New Store Hours

BONN (AP) — The coalition agreed Thursday on a draft law that would significantly extend Germany's shopping hours. Under the law, which the government hopes will come into force by the middle of next year, shops would be open from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. Monday to Friday and until 6 P.M. Saturday.

Regional Airlines, based in Nantes, France, was voted the company of the year by the 53-member Association of European Regional Companies from 24 countries. Regional Airlines has more than 120 daily flights to 70 destinations. (AFP)

In April 1996, SNCM, La Société Nationale Corse-Méditerranée, will put new 172-meter-long Napoleon-Bonaparte in service between Corsica and Marseille. Napoleon-Bonaparte has a maximum capacity of 2,462 passengers and 708 cars. (AFP)

Government officials in Salpan have warned residents of the Northern Mariana Islands that a nearby underwater volcano is showing signs that it might erupt. Residents were told to flee to high ground if they felt an earthquake. (AP)

Christopher to Stop Off to See Assad

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher will pay a brief visit to Damascus on Monday for talks with the Syrian president, Hafez Assad, the U.S. State Department said Thursday. Mr. Christopher will make the visit on the way back from a Middle East economic summit in Amman, Jordan, according to a State Department spokesman. The secretary of state called off a planned shuttle between Israel and Syria because of lack of progress in talks between the two countries.

Correction

An article in the editions of Oct. 26 misidentified the period in which Spanish anti-Basque death squads were operating in southern France. It was the 1980s.

Chrétien Pleads With Quebec
Secession Would Be 'the End of a Dream'By Charles Trueheart
Washington Post Service

MONTREAL — With a welcome sound bite of support from President Bill Clinton, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien went on national television in an 11th-hour effort to keep the people of Quebec from rupturing the country.

"The end of Canada will be nothing less than the end of a dream, the end of a country that has made us the envy of the world," Mr. Chrétien said in an address broadcast simultaneously in French and English. "Don't let anyone tell you that you cannot be a proud Quebecer and a proud Canadian."

Appealing to their "hearts" and "heads" alike, Mr. Chrétien pleaded with his fellow Quebecers to think carefully before voting to separate from Canada when they go to polls on Monday. Speaking gravely, at times in a whisper, he said, "Do you

really think it makes any sense, any sense at all, to break up Canada?"

Folks show Quebecers who have decided to vote for secession outnumber by a slim margin those who have decided to vote against. The referendum question seeks approval of sovereign status for Quebec coupled with an offer of partnership with the diminished remains of Canada.

His television address Wednesday night, made under the terms of a seldom-invoked governmental power for emergency broadcasts, was followed by equal time that the prime minister reportedly asked for Lucien Bouchard, the de facto separatist leader in Quebec.

Mr. Bouchard delivered a response whose French version was a spirited denunciation of Canada's record and Mr. Chrétien's intentions toward Quebec and whose English version stressed the prospect of a future friendly partnership of equal sovereign countries.

In the closing days of the referendum campaign, those promoting an independent Quebec have defied habit and pundits alike by turning public opinion polls around, surging to a statistical dead heat or better. Sensing the possibility of defeat and national fracture, the Chrétien government is pulling

out all the stops to wrest victory in the polls Monday.

The plan news Wednesday for the side was a statement by Mr. Clinton expressing misgivings about the consequences of a divided Canada.

"I have seen how (Canada) works, how our partnership works, in so many ways throughout the world, works," Mr. Clinton said. "You know, everybody's got problems, but it looks like a country that is really doing the right things."

Praising Canada as a "strong and powerful ally," Mr. Clinton said, "I hope we'll be able to continue that."

Mr. Clinton's brief intervention was considered as a major boost to opponents of Quebec sovereignty — although one skeptical analyst on Canadian television said it had "the smell of desperation." Not just Quebecers but all Canadians are sensitive to U.S. displeasure and suspicious of U.S. interference.

Last weekend, after the possibility of a narrow separatist victory became undeniable, the Chrétien government reeled briefly. But it appears to have abandoned its strategy of turning the other cheek and has turned with gusto to a direct emotional appeal to patriotism. Emotion has become the bat-



Montrealers lining up at Canadian passport office to get documents in order before Quebec votes on sovereignty.

tleground of the campaign in its closing days. Polls suggest Quebecers have been willing to suspend their rational expectations about the economic unknowns of declaring independence, as separatists have successfully stirred nationalist emotions in the province's mostly French-speaking population.

Court Ends Hearing in Tapie Case

Reuters

DOUAL, France — A French appeals court on Thursday ended the match-fixing trial of Bernard Tapie and said it would announce on Nov. 28 whether or not the bankrupt former president of the Olympique Marseille soccer team would go to prison.

The prosecutor had asked that Mr. Tapie, 52, be jailed for four months, with 14 months suspended, and declared ineligible for public office for three years for corruption and interfering with a witness.

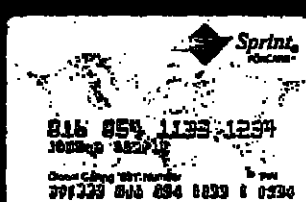
Mr. Tapie had appealed a lower court sentence of a year in jail with another year suspended for bribing players of the Valenciennes team to lose a game to Marseille in 1993.

The prosecutor asked the court to give an 18-month suspended sentence to Mr. Tapie's former top assistant at Marseille, Jean-Pierre Bernès.

He also asked the court to uphold sentences of a year suspended against a former Marseille player, Jean-Jacques Edelle, and six months suspended against former Valenciennes players Christophe Robert and Jorge Burruchaga.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Powell Is Calling for Guidance

WASHINGTON — Edging still closer to a decision, Colin L. Powell — who has kept a sprawling field of presidential candidates wondering whether he plans to run — has in the last few days sounded out several well-known Republicans about his prospects, the finer points of raising money and the personal toll it could take.

His most recent call list included two conservatives who chose not to run but who have recently said positive things about General Powell's prospects: William J. Bennett, the former education secretary and drug policy director, and Jack Kemp, who was housing secretary in the Bush administration.

Among others General Powell has contacted are two major Republican fund-raisers, based in New York, who could help him assemble a fund-raising operation: Ronald S. Lauder, a wealthy cosmetic company executive, and Theodore J. Forstmann, who owns a financial company, Anna Cordasco, a spokeswoman for Mr. Forstmann, said: "They are friends. I know that they are in contact. More importantly, I know that Mr. Forstmann holds General Powell in the highest esteem and thinks he's a great American."

Mr. Lauder met General Powell during the Reagan administration, when Mr. Lauder worked in the Pentagon and later was Ambassador to Austria.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Kemp refused to divulge details of their telephone conversations. But people familiar with the calls said that General Powell was particularly interested in their concerns about the effect of campaigning on their families that led them not to seek the nomination. General Powell's wife, Alma, has said it would be dangerous for her husband to run because he would be a target for "crazy people."

"I promised I wouldn't tell people what we said," Mr. Bennett said. Nevertheless, he sounded encouraged after the conversation. "My sense of General Powell is he's a guy who's done his book tour, sold nine gazillion books, and is now systematically thinking his way through whether he runs for president," he said. "This is not Bill Clinton. This is not a child of impulse."

Mr. Kemp also refused to discuss his conversation. His spokesman, Christian Pinkston, said, "It was a personal call. And he prefers to keep a private chat private."

Peggy Ciffrino, a spokeswoman for General Powell, said, "The general is talking to a lot of people, friends, and he's taking his time to make his decision." (NYT)

Gingrich: Medicare to 'Wither'

WASHINGTON — Despite repeated Republican assurances that it is out to "preserve, protect and strengthen" Medicare, the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, says that Republicans now believe the Medicare system serving 37 million seniors will "wither on the vine" under the far-reaching reforms about to be passed by Congress.

The Georgia Republican's comments came during an appearance before a Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association meeting in Washington. Tony Blankley, a senior aide to Mr. Gingrich, confirmed the remarks but played down their significance. (LAT)

Quote/Unquote

President Bill Clinton, vowing that he will not submit to "economic blackmail" from a Republican Congress intent on forcing him to accept the Republican budget plan. "I am not going to let anybody hold Medicare or education or the environment or the future of this country hostage." (AP)

By Adam Clymer
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — As Congress takes up the budget, the public fears the Republican plan to curb Medicare spending, scoffs at their tax cuts and flatly does not believe that the plan would produce a balanced budget by 2002, the latest New York Times/CBS News Poll shows.

By nearly 3 to 1, the public rejects the tax cuts that Senate Democrats spent the day denouncing. And by a 2-to-1 ratio, the public disapproves of the Republican Medicare plan, while conceding that it does not know much about it.

In the Senate on Wednesday, Republicans blocked Democratic attempts to force a vote over Medicare, and at the White House, President Bill

Clinton renewed his threat to veto the Republican legislation.

Moreover, the Republicans' hope that they will get credit for courage in taking the bitter medicine needed to balance the budget gets little short-term encouragement.

Eighty-one percent of the public said that even if the Republican plan was enacted, the budget would not be balanced by the year 2002 — as the Congressional Budget Office has said it would. That deep-rooted skepticism, bred by 26 consecutive federal deficits, was not partisan; 75 percent of Republicans disbelieved their party.

The best news for the Republicans in the survey of 1,077 adults is that the public overwhelmingly shares their belief in the superiority of state government over federal government, the

message they hope to use this week to drown out Democratic complaints about budget cuts.

Forty-eight percent of the public said the federal government had too much power. 5 percent said states had too much power, and 37 percent said the balance was about right.

Dealing with one concrete program and not a general principle, 52 percent said states should set their own rules for Medicaid, the health program for the poor, as the Republican budget bills direct, while 43 percent said there should be one national policy. The margin of sampling error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Congressional Republicans have often said that they expect short-term polling damage over their plan to shave \$270 billion from the projected growth of Medicare over seven years,

the health system for the elderly, and this survey shows they have suffered it. While only a few say they are familiar with the Republican plan, by a 57 to 26 percent ratio, they disapprove of it.

But Republicans have also predicted that by the election next year, when the public will have seen that nothing much has changed in Medicare, they will reap the political benefits of deficit reduction.

This telephone poll, conducted Sunday through Tuesday, suggests that those benefits are not much to count on.

Given the choice between a balanced budget and significant cuts in Medicare or in Social Security, the public resoundingly preferred a continuing deficit with those programs for the elderly left alone. There was little partisan difference on these questions

as solid majorities of Republicans lined up with other Americans.

Choosing between a balanced budget and Social Security — which faces no cuts under the Republican bills in either House or Senate, only 27 percent preferred a balanced budget, compared to 70 percent who wanted to preserve Social Security unscathed.

When asked to choose between a balanced budget and undiminished Medicare benefits, the results were almost identical, with 27 percent picking a balanced budget and 67 percent uncut Medicare. Congressional Republicans maintain that there are no cuts for Medicare in their plan and that they are merely slowing its rate of increase to stabilize its finances.

But budget balancing did rank above tax cuts, by 60 percent to 35 percent.



John Sweeney, left, and Rich Trumpka, the newly elected leaders of U.S. organized labor.

Champion of Social Justice
New AFL-CIO Chief Likely to Be Tough

By Steven Greenhouse
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — John J. Sweeney, the new president of the AFL-CIO, was not playing by Marquis of Queensbury rules when he told the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in July that if it pushed through a plan to cut 18,000 workers from its payroll, his union would conduct "a massive campaign of resistance and retribution."

Mr. Sweeney, who has spent 15 years as president of the Service Employees International Union, warned the Los Angeles officials that instead of forcing labor to accept their plan, they had better show workers some respect and sit down with union leaders to discuss less painful ways to make budget cuts.

And to show that he had some muscle to back up his threat, 3,000 members of his employees union were demonstrating outside.

Just minutes after he was elected the AFL-CIO's president Wednesday, Mr. Sweeney told all who would listen to expect many more such confrontations. He said he was dead serious about jettisoning the federation's gentlemanly ways and about transforming it into an

aggressive, often confrontational, voice for American workers.

In campaigning against Thomas R. Donohue, the AFL-CIO's interim president, Mr. Sweeney made clear that he thought the federation had let labor become a patsy repeatedly victimized by management.

In a debate Tuesday at the federation's convention in New York, he told the union leaders that he deserved their support "if you are tired of being treated like so much road kill on the highway of American life."

Despite the vinegar of his words, Mr. Sweeney, 61, will never be mistaken for firebrand union leaders like the mine workers' John L. Lewis. Mr. Sweeney is soft-spoken and slow to anger, inspiring workers not through emotional speeches, but by talking to them in a heart-to-heart way showing that he knows their problems.

Judging from his years at the helm of the 1.1-million member Service Employees Union, experts predict he will lead the 13-million member federation in several new directions at once.

He promises to try to bring more women and minority members into unions and into leadership positions. He revamped his union's board so that

20 of its 57 members are female, black or Hispanic.

"If it hadn't been for Sweeney, people like myself never would have been on the executive board," said Eliseo Medina, head of the service workers' San Diego local.

While the AFL-CIO has a reputation for focusing on protecting the best-paid workers, Mr. Sweeney plans to focus more on organizing and helping low-paid workers, like the 20,000 home health aides his union has organized.

John Joseph Sweeney was born in the Bronx on May 5, 1934, to parents who had emigrated from Ireland. His mother was a cleaning woman, and his father was a city bus driver who often took his son to meetings of the Transport Workers Union.

He first joined a labor union while working as a grave digger during college. His first job after college was at IBM, but he was happy to leave for a job at two-thirds the pay as a researcher for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

"John always wanted to be with labor unions," said his wife, the former Maureen Power. "Social justice is what motivates him. He has never forgotten where he came from."

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Beijing Says U.S. Backs 'One China' Dispute on Taiwan Eases

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BEIJING — China indicated Thursday that it had finally accepted U.S. promises to abide by a "One China" policy, despite the lack of a pledge to ban future visits to the United States by Taiwanese officials.

"The U.S. side has prudently indicated to the Chinese side that it will handle the question of Taiwan in accordance with the principle of 'One China' in the future," a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Shen Guofang, said, commenting on Tuesday's Chinese-U.S. presidential summit meeting in New York.

"We hope that the U.S. side will refrain from making any form of official contacts or exchanges with Taiwan," he added.

Overall, Mr. Shen said, "This meeting was candid, friendly, positive and useful, and was helpful for promoting the improvement and development of bilateral relations."

He said that China hoped the next time the two leaders met that it would "further enhance bilateral relations in a correct and healthy direction."

The visit of President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan to the United States sent Chinese-U.S. ties into a tailspin. Beijing has repeatedly demanded that Washington take "concrete actions" to back up its verbal assurances that its policy of unofficial contacts with nationalist Taiwan remains unchanged.

Although Washington refused to issue an outright ban on future visits, Mr. Shen made it clear that Beijing felt satisfactory conclusions had been drawn from the rift caused by Mr. Lee's trip.

"The U.S. side repeatedly made it clear to the Chinese side that it has drawn a lot of lessons from the damage it has brought upon Sino-U.S. relations because of the decision to allow Lee's visit," he said. (AFP, AP)

China Boosts Jet Force
China has bought 24 more Su-27 jet fighters and more AA-10 air-to-air missiles from Russia to bolster its military power in the South China Sea, The Associated Press reported from Taipei on Thursday.

Contending that the weapons are meant to intimidate Taiwan, the Taipei paper United Daily News quoted unidentified military officials as saying that the planes and missiles might be deployed in China's Guangdong Province after they are delivered next year.



ON THE RUN — Kairit Arun of Estonia arriving at a court in Bangkok to face charges she tried to smuggle 1.4 kilos of heroin out of Thailand on a flight to Warsaw.

Troops in Okinawa Won't Be Cut Back But Perry Hints at Changes

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The United States is seeking ways to make its military presence in Okinawa less obtrusive, but will not shift its troops to other parts of Japan, Defense Secretary William J. Perry said.

In an interview, Mr. Perry said that he would take specific proposals to Tokyo next week for talks with the Japanese defense minister.

Okinawa is one of three key Asian outposts for the American military. Okinawans have long objected to the U.S. presence, but the sentiment has turned especially hostile since the Sept. 4 rape of an Okinawan girl. Three U.S. servicemen have been charged in the rape.

To "reduce the intrusiveness" of the American military on Okinawa, changes could be made in the kinds of exercises performed there, Mr. Perry said.

Or, he added, adjustments could be made "to make it more congenial to the people who live in the proximity of our bases."

But Mr. Perry was firm in saying that the overall size of the U.S. force in Japan could not be cut. He said he saw no sense in changing the number of American troops in any of the three key posts: South Korea, Okinawa and Japan. The

Clinton administration's policy is to maintain 100,000 troops in Asia.

"I have no intention, no prospect, of backing off that number," he said.

On another topic, Mr. Perry disclosed that a small NATO team had entered Bosnia-Herzegovina in recent days to survey roads, bridges and other infrastructure. The purpose, he said, was to gain a better knowledge of the conditions that would face a NATO-led military force if, as planned, it was called on to enforce a peace deal in the region.

The defense secretary said the NATO survey team included some Americans, but would give no other details.

Regarding Japan, Mr. Perry appeared optimistic that solutions could be found when he meets with the Japanese defense minister and other officials in Tokyo on Wednesday.

Other Pentagon officials have said the administration was open to "consolidating" its forces in Japan. Asked to explain that, Mr. Perry said it did not mean moving some troops from Okinawa to posts in other parts of Japan.

"There's no advantage to be gained by that," he said. "I would be in favor of holding the numbers at each of those three main locations."

BRIEFLY ASIA

Pakistan Buying French Planes

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan confirmed Thursday it would buy Mirage warplanes from France. The announcement came hours after India reacted angrily to a decision by a U.S. congressional committee to ease military sanctions against its neighbor.

Pakistan's foreign minister, Asef Ahmed Ali, confirmed that Pakistan and France had reached an agreement in principle on the sale of French Mirage 2000 fighters to the Pakistan Air Force. Mr. Ahmed Ali said the French government had given its approval while Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was in Paris this week.

After the congressional action in Washington to ease military and economic sanctions on Pakistan, India charged that the decision would lead to an arms race in the region. External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee said the U.S. Congress was condoning Pakistan's nuclear weapons program, but said it would not hurt Indo-U.S. ties. (AFP)

Afghans Repel Taliban Attacks

KABUL — Afghan government forces on Thursday fought off an air attack on a military base west of Kabul by the Taliban Islamic militia and repelled two major ground assaults by the group in the capital's suburbs, the Defense Ministry said.

A Taliban jet dropped two bombs on the Kargah hills overlooking a military base of President Burhanuddin Rabbani's forces, said a Defense Ministry spokesman, Abdullah. The jet was chased away by heavy anti-aircraft fire from pro-Rabbani gunners, but there were no casualties, he added.

Anti-aircraft fire continued even after two government planes came to intercept the Taliban jet, but they were not hit, the spokesman said.

The key garrison of Kargah, is 20 kilometers (12 miles) west of Kabul. On Wednesday night, the Taliban launched offensives in the southeastern and western suburbs, but the government said both attacks were repulsed. (AFP)

North Korean Officer Defects

SEOUL — A North Korean Army officer, identified by news reports as a relative of Pyongyang's late defense minister, O Jin U, has defected to the south, South Korea's internal intelligence agency said Thursday.

A spokesman for the Agency for National Security Planning told Reuters that Captain O Yong Nam defected to Seoul recently via an unidentified third country and was now being questioned by the agency.

"We do not have any further details about his defection," the spokesman said. "We will soon announce all the details when the questioning is completed." Captain O is the second Pyongyang military officer, and the 27th North Korean, to defect to the south this year. (Reuters)

Indonesia Won't Reopen Probe

JAKARTA — Indonesia refused Thursday to make a fresh investigation into claims that five foreign journalists were killed by Indonesian troops in East Timor in 1975.

The government and the military have often said in the past that the five TV crewmen were fatally shot in a crossfire during civil unrest surrounding the withdrawal of East Timor's colonial ruler, Portugal.

The deaths occurred 20 years ago and "the problem has been settled already," said Brigadier General Suwarno Adiwidjaya, a spokesman for the armed forces. (AP)

Toll Rises in China Earthquake

BEIJING — The toll from the huge earthquake that hit China's southwestern province of Yunnan rose further to 46 dead and 297 in serious condition, a seismological official said.

Some 6,633 people suffered light injuries in the quake, which rocked the rural region early Tuesday with a force of 6.5 on the Richter scale, according to an official of the State Seismological Bureau. He said 12,798 buildings had collapsed in the disaster, which tore up 30 kilometers (30 miles) of road, seriously hampering relief efforts. (AFP)

VOICES From Asia

Amrullah, an Afghan government spokesman, on the rebel offensive around the capital: "They threw everything at us, including tanks, artillery and missiles. But we managed to repulse their attacks from both directions." (Reuters)

Brigadier Munasinghe, a spokesman for the Sri Lanka military: "The terrorists are desperate because they can't face our army in Jaffna. They are resorting to brutal acts of terrorism and attacking innocent men, women and children." (AFP)

King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia about Vietnam, which he intends to visit in December: "We have been, we are and we will be brothers in one family." (AP)

Sri Lanka on 'War Footing' Toll Rises to 770 as Rebels Press Attack

Agence France-Presse
COLOMBO — Sri Lanka was placed on a "war footing" Thursday as the death toll from the latest wave of ethnic violence climbed to more than 770, according to military figures.

Industries Minister Clement Goonetilleke told Parliament that the cabinet had approved his proposal to place the entire country on what he called a war footing to tackle the deteriorating security situation in the country.

"A proposal moved by me to place the country on a war footing was approved by cabinet last night. A subcommittee to do the job has been set up," Mr. Goonetilleke told Parliament.

A government spokesman, Dharmasiri Senanayake, confirmed that the proposal was discussed by the cabinet and said the modalities were to be worked out and announced after President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga returns from New York.

The implications of the move were not immediately spelled out, but officials said it could mean that the entire country would be brought under a state of emergency, allowing civilians to be armed to defend against rebel attacks.

The decision was announced in Parliament as the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam were accused of carrying out another massacre of ethnic Sinhalese in the north-central region of Anuradhapura on Thursday.

Photographers who were flown to the area said 24 people, including a mother and her 7-day-old infant, had been hacked and shot to death by attackers who raided two remote hamlets in the region.

A spokesman for the military, Brigadier Sarath Munasinghe, earlier said that 40 people had been killed, but an AFP photographer in the area said a final tally showed that 24 were killed and 16 others wounded.

The Defense Ministry reacted to the latest massacre — the fifth in as many days — by arming villagers against future rebel attacks, but local officials

said most civilians were fleeing to safer areas.

Western diplomats said the government was under intense pressure to show that the situation was under control, but expressed fears that the "war footing" announcement would scare off foreign tourists.

Brigadier Munasinghe said the civilian massacres were designed to divert the attention of security forces conducting a major offensive against the Liberation Tigers in the island's northern Jaffna Peninsula.

He said a total of 126 soldiers had died in the latest offensive, called Operation Rivirasa (Sunshine), launched 10 days ago. He claimed that security forces had killed more than 500 rebels in the offensive.

According to military figures, 22 security personnel and seven rebels died in an attack by the Tigers against two oil depots in Colombo on Friday. In the five massacres of civilians since Saturday, 116 people had been killed.

The Tamil Tigers have remained silent about the renewed attacks but said that more than 300,000 civilians in the Jaffna Peninsula had been displaced and made refugees by the latest fighting in the region.

Brigadier Munasinghe said the government troops were stepping up their offensive against the Liberation Tigers inside the peninsula.

Seoul Inquiry Closes In on Ex-President

Reuters

SEOUL — South Korean prosecutors hunting for the alleged hidden fortune of a former president, Roh Tae Woo, said Thursday that they had found more funds linked to him, bringing the uncovered trove to \$129 million.

On Sunday, Mr. Roh's former chief bodyguard said that he managed hidden assets for his former boss worth 48.5 billion won (\$63 million) in borrowed accounts at Shinhan Bank.

On Thursday, an official at the prosecutor-general's office said the authorities had uncovered additional secret accounts totaling \$3.5 billion won.

The official said this included 26.8 billion won linked to Mr. Roh that was deposited in a domestic financial house, Dong-A Investment & Finance Co., and 23.7 billion won in accounts at Shinhan Bank.

"Prosecutors suspect there could be more slush funds operated by Mr. Roh," an official said.

Mr. Roh has made no public statement since the affair surfaced last week when an opposition lawmaker accused him of holding 400 billion won in questionable funds. Those allegations sparked a public outcry and embarrassed President Kim Young Sam, a Roh ally.

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YELTSIN:
Hospitalized

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rienced severe heart pains July 10.

Mr. Yeltsin quoted the head of the clinic, Sergei Mironov, as saying Mr. Yeltsin's condition was "insufficient blood supply to the heart, related to his previous illness." The Kremlin aide also said Mr. Yeltsin would not undergo an operation.

Symptoms of ischemia include difficulty breathing or chest pains, and an attack can be caused by stress, high cholesterol, age or chronic high blood pressure. Drinking alcohol can exacerbate the condition.

Interfax said some aides who accompanied Mr. Yeltsin to the United States noticed that he was "extremely tired" on the final day of his visit. "They think the president might have had a recurrence of the old illness because of overexertion during the visit," Interfax said.

As was the case during the summer, Kremlin officials maintained tight control of information about Mr. Yeltsin's health.

No doctors who treated the president were available to speak with reporters, and the hospital declined to comment.

The Kremlin hurt its own credibility last summer when it released a photograph of Mr. Yeltsin seated at a table that purported to show him recovering in the hospital. News agencies compared the photo with taped video footage of Mr. Yeltsin from a trip several months earlier and discovered the images were identical. To quiet the resulting uproar, Mr. Yeltsin, who was recovering in a rest home, was forced to make an appearance before the cameras to assure a doubting public that he was alive and well.



A security guard gesturing to journalists on Thursday at the gates of the hospital where President Yeltsin was taken.

A New Campaign Takes On
'Sleazy' TV Talk Shows

Hosts, Advertisers and Viewers Assailed

By Howard Kurtz
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — William Bennett, who shook up Time Warner with a noisy denunciation of offensive rap lyrics, has found some new targets: Sally, Ricki, Jenny, Montel and Geraldo.

The former education secretary is joining forces with Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, Democrat of Connecticut, to mount a high-profile assault on daytime TV talk shows and the big companies that produce them. He said Wednesday that the hosts, the owners, the guests, the advertisers and the millions of viewers must share the blame for the television "rot" that "degrades human personality."

"This is an indicator of social decline," Mr. Bennett said. "Things that used to cause people a sense of guilt or embarrassment, they used to keep quiet about it. Now it's a ticket —

you go out and talk about it."

While concerned about surveys showing that 6 percent of daytime talk viewers are under age 11, Mr. Bennett said, "The easiest point of entry for those of us who want to debate this is: You're frightening the horses and corrupting the children. But you have to deal with the fact that consenting adults are engaged in pretty self-destructive behavior. This stuff pushes the edge of the envelope."

Mr. Bennett drew qualified support from an unexpected quarter. "Bennett is on to something," said Sally Jessy Raphael, a talk-show host. "I only wish the people involved were less sanctimonious and ideological. A lot of what motivates them isn't a sense of morality but a sense of politics and pandering."

Still, he said, "when you see what Jerry Springer and Jenny Jones and Ricki Lake have been doing, it is appalling. You can't put lesbians making out onstage,

as Springer did the other day."

On "Geraldo," he said, "We're getting away from the transsexuals and other sexually related shows. I didn't feel like taking a shower every time I hosted a daytime show."

Mr. Springer, for his part, said of Mr. Bennett: "If you write a book about morality, all of a sudden you think you define morality. I wouldn't insult the people on these shows and call them sleaze."

"They may not vote Republican, but that doesn't make them sleaze," he said. "Television is a momentary escape that tries to be entertaining. We shouldn't say you can only go on TV if you speak the king's English, dress a certain way and your lifestyle is absolutely consistent with the majority."

"We have 4.5 million viewers," said Sally Jessy Raphael. "Are we going to tell them you can't watch my show any more? People who are down on talk shows generally have a rather elitist viewpoint."

Mr. Bennett and Senator Lieberman plan radio ads on the issue and a letter-writing campaign to the companies that own and distribute the programs, including Multimedia (Sally Jessy Raphael, Phil Donahue, Jerry Springer); King World (Oprah, Rolonda); Tribune (Geraldo); Paramount (Montel Williams, Maury Povich); Columbia TriStar (Ricki Lake); Time Warner (Jenny Jones); and 20th Century Fox and CBS (Gordon Elliott).

Some of the seamiest highlights of TV talk shows, as compiled by Mr. Bennett's staff:

• A husband who was seeing a prostitute for two years is confronted by his wife (Jenny Jones).

• A husband tells his humiliated wife he is having an affair, and the mistress is introduced (Jerry Springer).

• "My Daughter Is Living as a Boy" (Sally Jessy Raphael).

• A 17-year-old girl boasts of sleeping with more than 100 men (Montel Williams).

• Mothers try to save their daughters from teenage prostitution (Ceraldo).

Bennett dismissed the argument that daytime television is simply confronting difficult problems. "Civilization depends upon keeping certain things under wraps," he said.

"There's clearly an underside to human beings. It's a little weird when you start celebrating the worst things in public."

Senators Will Issue 49 Subpoenas for Whitewater Papers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The select Senate committee looking into the Whitewater affair agreed Thursday to issue 49 subpoenas of documents to the White House, regulatory agencies and potential witnesses with material relevant to the investigation.

The committee's chairman, Alfonse M. D'Amato, announced that the panel would recall Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief of staff and a

longtime friend of Mrs. Clinton's for further questioning next Thursday. They will be questioned about their conversations with Mrs. Clinton hours before the White House refused to let law enforcement officials examine the papers of the late Vincent W. Foster Jr.

Mr. Foster's files included financial information about the Clintons, including Whitewater, the failed real estate venture the Clintons were as-

sociated with when the president was governor of Arkansas.

In a unanimous voice vote, the panel subpoenaed documents from Yoly Redden, the former Whitewater accountant for the Clintons, and from Betty Wright, a longtime top Clinton aide in Arkansas.

Mr. D'Amato, Republican of New York, initiated the subpoena strategy, saying the White House had withheld documents that the Senate needed for

its Whitewater investigation. Mr. D'Amato said that most of those who were being subpoenaed have already turned over material. But he said the subpoenas would reinforce the importance of turning over all relevant documents.

Meanwhile, new disclosures came out Wednesday about Mrs. Clinton's telephone calls in the days after Mr. Foster's death.

The night Mr. Foster died, Mrs.

Clinton telephoned a Hollywood producer, Harry Thomason, who had been involved in the White House travel office controversy that investigators later found contributed to Mr. Foster's depression. Mr. Thomason's lawyer said nothing substantive was discussed in the four-minute call, but Mr. D'Amato said the fact that the call was only recently disclosed was part of a "disturbing pattern of late document submission" by the White House.

ITALY: Dini Survives Ouster Vote

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its traditional allies to join the center-right in trying to bring down the Dini government.

Fausto Bertinotti, leader of the Communist Refounding Party, may have been looking for a way out of this uncomfortable one-shot alliance when he announced Thursday that he was satisfied with Mr. Dini's promise and led his party in the vote boycott.

Mr. Dini on Thursday vigorously defended his administration, which he said was "hostage" to no political party. He also warned that any attempt to interrupt his mandate would

damage Italy's credibility just as it was about to assume the six-month presidency of the European Union in January.

He described the no-confidence measure as "unnecessary and harmful," and predicted that it would create "a government crisis without any prospects for a rapid solution."

Mr. Dini, who is also hoping to pass a law regulating political parties' access to television during election campaigns, made a plea for a new consensus to carry his government past January to allow for the adoption of reforms that would stabilize Italy's volatile parliamentary politics.

But after Thursday's show-down, the odds are against his receiving a new mandate, and instead point to general elections, perhaps before spring.

Mr. Dini turned the tables in a 45-minute speech in which he told deputies that success for the motion, which could have precipitated a general election soon, would wreck prospects for approval of Italy's deficit-cutting 1996 budget.

"To provoke the fall of the government now," he said, "would open a crisis for which there is no current sign of a rapid solution. The country has no need of all this."

He said the no-confidence drive was "damaging and useless" because his government would resign by the end of the year, the legal deadline for the budget's passage.

Mr. Berlusconi said his Freedom Alliance now saw itself as being in outright opposition to the Dini government, including over a budget it sees as too soft to eat into the state deficit. "I think the difficulties for the budget have increased," he said.



Prime Minister Dini, top left, being congratulated Thursday after winning a key vote.

CHIRAC: Enters Deficit Fight

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office, comes with his popularity and that of Prime Minister Alain Juppé in free fall. Trade unions and the stock market, public-sector workers and shopkeepers, farmers and even most politicians in the majority outside Mr. Chirac's personal supporters — all seem disenchanted with a government whose image has suffered from signs of incoherence.

Persistently asked about contradictions in his electoral promises that have contributed to confusion in government policies, Mr. Chirac several times acknowledged that he had "perhaps underestimated" the importance of the deficit issue or other challenges to putting into practice his plans for reviving economic growth and creating jobs.

In concluding, Mr. Chirac said that he expected his tough stance about cuts in government spending to make him unpopular, at least temporarily. "I am not in office to do a job," he said, adding that he has the time of his seven-year mandate to see through the task and reap the political benefits.

But it remains to be seen in practice whether it will end the recent policy zig-zagging that has led to record lows in poll ratings. A poll to be published Friday in Le Point magazine showed 14 percent of the French are satisfied with Mr. Chirac, down from 21 percent a month ago, with Mr. Juppé winning approval from only 12 percent.

By implication, he distanced himself from suggestions, popularized by Mr. Chirac himself in his electoral campaign, that

France can spend its way out of social tensions and into growth and jobs.

He went further than ever in explicitly acknowledging the limits of the government's power to impose decisions on the Bank of France or international money markets, saying that he was determined to put the nation's financial house in order so that interests would come down via market forces.

In admitting that deficit-cutting now appeared to be "the priority of priorities," Mr. Chirac sought to repackage budget austerity more palatably by making it a French goal, not an objective imposed by the Maastricht treaty, an accord that is deeply suspect in the nationalist wing of Mr. Chirac's Gaullist followers.

DAIWA: Scandal Irks Japanese

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burdened by hundreds of billions of dollars in bad loans, have begun cautious criticism in recent months. The Daiwa affair has turned it into a flood.

More details are likely to come out, particularly if U.S. prosecutors decide to indict Daiwa Bank executives on cover-up charges. The key trader in the affair, Toshihide Iguchi, has pleaded guilty. A trial of Daiwa executives holds the potential for an unprecedented dissecting of the Japanese regulatory world.

Yukio Noguchi, an economics professor at Hitotsubashi University, said the regulators' lack of action with Daiwa was born out of the economic system that evolved in Japan after World War II.

"One of the features of that system is close ties between the Japanese government and business," Mr. Noguchi said. "It is a close, family-like group. And within this group, not all the rules are explicitly spelled out."

At the heart of this system is the belief that secrecy is needed to maintain stability. Because of this, the Finance Ministry and banks for years denied there was a serious problem with bad loans. Even now, analysts believe the ministry's \$400 billion estimate of the total amount of bad debt held by Japanese institutions is too low.

The Daiwa case only broke into the open because it arose in the United States, where regulation is tougher, said Tadashi Ikuta, a journalist who has written extensively about the ministry. If it had happened in Japan, he said the ministry would have "first tried to take care of the problem themselves, then as measures were taken, they would gradually make things public."

Underlying this system of secrecy is the ministry's belief "that they can control the pace of change, and in this case, control damage," said Mineko Sasaki-Smith, senior economist with Morgan Stanley & Co. in Tokyo.

Finance Ministry officials declined to be interviewed about the criticism, except to issue this statement: "We have learned a lesson from what happened recently. We will continue to deal with various issues, including bad loans in the Japanese banking system so that it will be stabilized and gain confidence in international markets."

Over the past several days, top Japanese banking officials have publicly declared the banking system sound, and the worst problems behind it. But international financial markets, spooked by the idea that another Daiwa could lay hidden, are not listening.

Japanese stocks fell to a one-month low Thursday. Bloomberg Business News reported from Tokyo. Traders said banking shares led the decline as concern mounted that lenders will continue to be battered by bad loans, hidden losses and the additional cost they must pay to raise money abroad following a loss of confidence caused by the Daiwa Bank scandal.

[The Nikkei stock average fell 244.13 points, to 17,736.68. The average has fallen 2 percent this week.]

Rather than create stability, secrecy in Japan's financial system has fostered mistrust, most evident in the so-called "Japan premium," the extra interest that Japanese banks must now pay to raise money in international financial markets. Kyodo News Service reported that the premium rose again Thursday, reaching 1 percent apiece.

A statement Thursday by Toru Hashimoto, president of Fuji Bank and chairman of the Federation of Banks Associations of Japan, is not likely to raise confidence. Asked why all Japanese banks are not immediately declaring all their bad loans, he said: "We have to pay attention to the consequences of doing that. If you ask all to do this at this stage, it might touch off unfavorable consequences for financial institutions. At this stage gradualism is recommended."

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EU Parliament Condemns N-Tests

STRASBOURG — The European Parliament on Thursday condemned the French and Chinese nuclear testing programs, saying that they had harmed efforts to halt the spread of nuclear weapons.

The assembly said in a resolution that it "condemns the continuation of nuclear tests by the Chinese government and condemns the decision of the French president to authorize the second nuclear test despite the continuing protests."

But it steered clear of repeating previous attacks on the European Commission, which has a role in monitoring the safety of the French tests in the South Pacific. (Reuters)

German Doubts Monetary Union

BONN — Joschka Fischer, the firmly pro-European leader of Germany's Greens party, doubts the European Union can launch a common currency by the Maastricht treaty's 1999 deadline.

Mr. Fischer, whose once-radical party is now the third-largest political force in Bonn, believes Chancellor Helmut Kohl will not be able to ram through an economic and monetary union as he did when Germany merged the monetary systems of East and West in 1990.

"Even Kohl's thick skull will take a few knocks from reality," Mr. Fischer said Wednesday.

National differences within the Union and the symbolism of the Deutsche mark has for Germans made a common currency in a few years very doubtful, he added. (Reuters)

Paper Publishes More of Diary

COPENHAGEN — A Danish newspaper on Thursday printed the controversial diary of Ritt Bjerregaard, the EU environment commissioner, defying her decision not to publish the book, which contains unflattering descriptions of European leaders.

Ms. Bjerregaard, who told her publishers to scrap the book, "The Commissioner's Diary," after excerpts were printed in the newspaper Politiken, said she would sue the paper for reproducing the book without her consent.

"This is a severe contravention of copyright law," a spokesman at the Danish commissioner's Brussels office said. "All future developments will be handled by Ritt Bjerregaard's lawyers." (Reuters)

Bad News for Chirac and Juppé

PARIS — Public approval of President Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Alain Juppé has hit a record low after less than six months in office, according to an opinion poll released Thursday.

An IPSOS poll, to be published Friday in the weekly news magazine Le Point, said 14 percent of the French were satisfied with Mr. Chirac, down from 21 percent a month ago. The percentage of dissatisfied voters climbed to 74 percent.

Twelve percent said they were satisfied with Mr. Juppé, down from 18 percent last month, and 74 percent were disappointed. The crash in the government's popularity seems to reflect anger over economic issues and the resumption of nuclear tests in the South Pacific. (Reuters)

French Navy Defends Boarding

PARIS — The French Navy has defended its boarding of a Greenpeace vessel in the Italian port of Brindisi, saying Thursday that the environmentalists' boat had rammed a French destroyer to prevent it from leaving harbor.

A spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry described the action Wednesday by the environmental group as "unacceptable and contrary to the laws of the sea."

The Italian Foreign Ministry had summoned a French diplomat to explain why commandos from the destroyer Dupleix raided the Greenpeace ship Altair.

Greenpeace called the boarding an "act of war." It said commandos wearing gas masks broke windows on the Altair's bridge and threw in six tear gas grenades. (Reuters)

Calendar

European Union events scheduled for Friday:

BRUSSELS: Hans van den Broek, commissioner for relations with Eastern Europe, meets with Janko Dezelak, Slovenia's minister of economic development.

LUND, Sweden: European Commission President Jacques Santer attends an employment forum.

MADRID: Edith Cresson, science commissioner, meets with the Spanish minister for research, Jeronimo Saavedra, and takes part in a colloquium on scientific cooperation with Latin America. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

NATO Widens Search for New Chief
Alliance Is Lukewarm to the 2 Prospective Candidates

By Tom Buerkle
International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — The 16 NATO allies want to widen their search for a new secretary-general beyond the existing Danish and Dutch candidates, a step that will probably prolong the hunt for several weeks, senior officials said Thursday.

"We're throwing the net very wide," a NATO diplomat said. "We want somebody who's got vision and a good deal of strength. We want a strong leader this time."

The broadened search was underscored by the British government, which acknowledged that it was considering fielding one of its people for the post vacated when

Willy Claes resigned last week to deal with charges he knew about a bribery scandal.

But speculation about a possible candidacy by Sir Leon Brittan, the European Union's trade commissioner, appeared to reflect a paucity of other strong British candidates rather than a determined campaign on his behalf, European officials said.

The search indicated a lack of consensus among NATO members on either Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the former Danish foreign minister who is backed by Copenhagen, or Ruud Lubbers, the former Dutch prime minister who has declined to formally declare his candidacy but has made clear he would accept the job if offered.

French and German officials gave no

indication of any progress on a successor as President Jacques Chirac met with Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn on Wednesday evening. The French had indicated a preference for Mr. Lubbers, but the Dutch government worries that Mr. Kohl might block Mr. Lubbers, as he did a year ago when the Dutchman was seeking the presidency of the European Commission.

Officials said Mr. Kohl had given no indication of his stance except to exclude a German candidate.

NATO officials played down the urgency of filling the position, although they said it was important to do so before the semiannual meeting of alliance defense ministers on Nov. 29 and 30.

A New Ulster Voice Warms Up for U.S.

New York Times Service

BELFAST — David Trimble, the outspoken new leader of the largest Protestant party in Northern Ireland, does not disagree with people who call him arrogant. When he makes his first visit to the White House next week, he says, he is ready to tell President Bill Clinton what the United States should

be doing, and not be doing, in his home province.

The Americans may not agree with the pugnacious lawyer who was elected six weeks ago as head of the Ulster Unionist Party, but they are likely to listen to him because his support is vital to advancing peace efforts for Northern Ireland.

The White House has made it clear that it wants a new British-Irish peace plan in place when Mr. Clinton visits here next month. For this they need the agreement of both Sinn Féin, the Irish Republican Army's political arm, and of Mr. Trimble, now the most influential leader of the Protestant majority in the North, who is vehemently opposed to the ultimate IRA goal of a united Ireland free of British control.

In a matter of weeks Mr. Trimble appears to have surpassed the Reverend Ian Paisley as the Protestant politician leading the fight to keep the North a part of Britain.

And he feels that, while he is willing to talk of a new political settlement, the White House is pushing too hard, hoping Mr. Clinton can gain politically by appearing to take some credit for progress toward a permanent peace.

In an interview in his office, Mr. Trimble, a member of the British Parliament with a reputation for hard-line politics, a short temper and an unwillingness to suffer fools, discussed his politics, his suspicion of American efforts here, his mistrust of the Sinn Féin, his view of the province's political fu-

ture, and his own personality.

"I didn't say I wasn't arrogant," he said, with a slight smile. "There is a suspicion about that President Clinton simply wants matters speeded up so that on the eve of the first primaries he will have some goodies."

When he makes his scheduled visit to the White House on Tuesday, he said, he intends to tell the president to put pressure on Sinn Féin to agree to a process that would start the disarmament of the IRA arsenal, estimated at 100 tons of weapons, including explosives.

If the White House succeeds in that, he said, he might agree to the start of new talks that would include Sinn Féin.

JAMES F. CLARITY

Stockholm Says No to Extradition

Reuters

STOCKHOLM — Sweden's Justice Ministry said Thursday it had rejected an official request from France for the extradition of an Algerian accused of involvement in a Paris bombing, but it might still expel him from Sweden.

The Justice Ministry said in a statement that the man, Abdelkrim Deneche, would not be extradited to France because of a high court ruling that he had provided an alibi that placed the French extradition request in doubt.

But the government kept the door open for a possible expulsion of Mr. Deneche to a third country.

"The government will make a decision in the coming weeks on the question of deportation," the statement said.

Mr. Deneche, who has asked to be freed from his prison in Sweden, said he was in Stockholm on July 25, the day the French police allege he was involved in an attack on an underground train in Paris that killed seven people and wounded 86 at the Saint-Michel station. The Swedish authorities said Mr. Deneche had produced a postal receipt proving he was in Stockholm on July 25.

Iceland Avalanche: 16 Die

Reuters

REYKJAVIK — Sixteen people were found dead and four were missing 12 hours after an avalanche smashed into Flateyri, a village in northwestern Iceland, on Thursday, rescue workers said. The avalanche struck at 4 A.M. and buried 17 houses.



KNEE-COPS — Policewomen in Lübeck, Germany, in a protest over working conditions on Thursday.

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Supporters of President Salmin Amour celebrating his re-election in the streets of Zanzibar on Thursday.

Reuters

WASHINGTON — Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev of Russia flew to Washington on Thursday for talks with Defense Secretary William J. Perry on how Russian troops would take part in a peacekeeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The defense chiefs will meet at the Pentagon to try to break an impasse between Moscow and Washington over Russia's refusal to have its troops serve under NATO command in Bosnia.

Mr. Perry said he had some new ideas to bring to the table. But he declined to give details and stressed that the United States and NATO continued to insist that any peacekeeping force be under command of the western alliance.

NATO is preparing to send up to 60,000 troops, about 20,000 of them Americans, to the former Yugoslavia if the presidents of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia reach agreement in peace talks that begin Wednesday at an air force base in Ohio.

NATO sources said Wednesday that Russia might commit 2,000 combat troops to Bosnia under its own tactical command as part of an alliance-led multinational operation.

The sources said that under a delicate compromise with the United States, which will run the peace implementation force, the Russian troops would operate in a mixed sector, probably alongside French soldiers, but would have their own tactical command.

Such a deal would mirror similar arrangements with France, a NATO member but not part of the alliance's integrated military command. France has to have its own tactical command within the broader NATO structure.

Mr. Perry said Wednesday that he was "hopeful" rather than "confident" that the dispute could be resolved despite statements by President Bill Clinton and the Russian president, Boris N. Yeltsin, this week that they had agreed in principle that Russia should help oversee any peace agreement.

As the troop talks got under way, Mr. Yeltsin was taken to a hospital in Moscow with heart problems. It is his second heart-related illness in just over three months.

President Clinton has warned Congress that the United States' failure to join the Bosnia peace force could lead to a wider European war.

"If we fail to secure this peace, the conflict in the former Yugoslavia could spread to other nations and involve our sons and daughters in a conflict in Europe," he said.

Representatives of both parties in Congress have voiced serious misgivings about a mission they fear could be open-ended and hazardous.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and Washington's envoy to the region, Richard C. Holbrooke, were meeting with aides to discuss the peace conference at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio.

than one observer to proclaim her an actress of Garboesque beauty.

Her American screen debut was two years later in "Night Unto Night," with Ronald Reagan.

The director was Don Siegel, who would become her third husband.

Her early starring roles in American movies included parts in "Adventures of Don Juan" (1948), with Errol Flynn; "No Sad Songs for Me" (1950), with Margaret Sullivan, and "Four in a Jeep" (1951), with Ralph Meeker, for which she won the Best Actress of the Year International Film Award.

Dr. Lucjan Dobroszycki, Historian of Polish Jews

NEW YORK (NYT) — Dr. Lucjan Dobroszycki, 70, who endured and then chronicled the life of Poland's doomed Jewish community before, during and after the Holocaust, died of cancer Tuesday at Mount Sinai Medical Center. He was senior research associate at the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research in Manhattan.

asphalt road between Nova Kasaba and Konjevica Polje, which was patrolled by dozens of Serbian tanks and armored vehicles. As they penetrated deeper into Serbian-controlled territory, the marchers were repeatedly shelled and ambushed.

Serbian fighters, many of them dressed in black uniforms with white T-shirts, dressed the Muslims with torn and bloody machine-gun fire. Many coming up from the rear of the column came across piles of bodies dumped in streams.

Many had slit throats. Others were decapitated.

At this point, the column began to split up. Many surrendered. Others headed off in a different direction, attempting to cross the Konjevica Polje-Brannac road at Kravica. Terrified by the scenes of carnage around them, many people simply lost their minds. Some experienced hallucinations that they later attributed to grenades of poison gas fired by the Serbs.

"People began acting crazy, hallucinating, hugging trees, trying to kill themselves," said Zulfu Sahihovic, 30.

Some men committed suicide rather than give themselves up. The UN commissioner for human rights, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, reported that one man shot himself in the face, but failed to kill himself. He had to plead with friends to finish the job. A marcher, Ramiz Becirevic, described an incident in which a man took his own life with a grenade and killed five other people as well.

Thousands of men were rounded up by Serbian forces as they attempted to cross the main roads at Kravica and Nova Kasaba. Some were tricked into surrendering by Serbian soldiers driving captured UN vehicles in their distinctive white colors and masquerading as UN troops.

According to survivors, mass killings of can-

tured Muslims took place in both Kivica and Nova Kasaba. The best-documented incident occurred in the Nova Kasaba area. On July 1, and 13, U.S. satellites and spy planes took photographs of hundreds of people in a soccer stadium later identified by eyewitnesses as one of several Serbian detention camps. Several days later, American aerial reconnaissance recorded an empty stadium, together with four large patches of freshly dug earth in nearby fields and new truck tracks.

Addressing a closed session of the UN Security Council a month later, the American ambassador, Madeleine K. Albright, accused the Bosnian Serbs of killing many of the detainees in the soccer stadium and burying them in mass graves. The photographs corroborated eyewitness testimony of several survivors, including Hussan Mustafic, who kept a written record of his experiences. Mr. Mustafic told investigators that he hid in some tall reeds near the main road for 48 hours and watched "the Chetniks" — a derogatory term for Serbs — executing their captives.

"The Chetniks picked out Muslims whom they either knew about or knew, interrogated them, and then made them dig pits which would be used as mass graves," Mr. Mustafic told Human Rights Watch. "During our first day there, the Chetniks killed approximately 500 people. They would just line them up and shoot them into the pits. The men who had dug the mass graves then had to fill them in."

"At the end of the day," he added, "they were ordered to dig a pit for themselves" and "were shot into it."

According to numerous eyewitnesses, the operation to round up draft-age Muslim men was personally supervised by General Mladic, who was indicted by the International War Crimes

Tribunal in The Hague in July for his alleged participation in earlier atrocities.

A Yugoslav Army officer, General Mladic came to international attention with his ruthless conduct of the siege of Sarajevo. According to an intercepted radio communication, he ordered his subordinates to shell the civilian population in a way that would "stretch their brains."

Bosnian Serbian television showed General Mladic handing out candy to Muslim children in the Srebrenica enclave on Wednesday, July 12, as his troops consolidated their control over the "safe area." Refugees remember the general telling them, "We won't hurt you — we are the regular army." He repeated such assurances on a half-dozen other occasions over the next few days, including places like Nova Kasaba that would shortly become the sites of mass executions.

Most of the prisoners who were rounded up in the Nova Kasaba and Kravica areas were taken by bus or truck to the town of Bratunac. There according to several former detainees, they spent a terror-filled night as Bosnian Serbian soldiers pulled people off buses for "interrogation."

"Each time someone left, they didn't return," Small Hodzic, 63, told Human Rights Watch.

Another eyewitness, Hurem Suljic, said he was kept in a warehouse in Bratunac for two days, during which time Bosnian Serbian soldiers interrogated and tortured dozens of prisoners.

In the evening of Thursday, July 13, General Mladic's men began transporting their captives to the town of Karakaj. The prisoners were led into a school gymnasium where, according to several accounts, up to 2,500 people were detained. The men were made to strip to the waist and surrender their identification papers. Their hands were tied behind their backs. There were

more beatings and summary executions. "Whose country is this?" the men were made to chant, as a Serbian soldier hit them with the barrel of a gun. "This is Serbian land. It always was, and it always will be."

Several eyewitnesses, including Mr. Suljic, reported seeing General Mladic at the school.

The men were loaded onto trucks and taken on a five-minute drive to an execution site, of which there were at least two. According to testimony collected by Human Rights Watch, one of the sites was a grass meadow, the other a gravel field on top of a plateau.

The prisoners were machine-gunned minutes after being made to jump out of the trucks.

Some removed their blindfolds first, and cried out in fear as they saw a field littered with corpses.

"They ordered us to lie down, and as I threw myself on the ground, I heard gunfire," recalled Avdic, a 17-year-old Muslim interviewed by Human Rights Watch. "I was hit in my right arm and three bullets went through the right side of my torso."

The executioners moved among the corpses, looking for any sign of life and occasionally putting an extra bullet through someone's head. There were moans of "kill me, just finish me off." The survivors could hear the sound of bulldozers in the background, shoveling corpses into tractor-trailers. As it grew dark, the executioners decided to resume their grisly work in the morning.

When the Serbs left, a tiny handful of survivors began picking themselves off the ground. Human Rights Watch investigators were able to trace four men who survived the Karakaj massacres. They reached government-controlled territory around the town of Tuzla after a long trek through enemy lines.

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Castro Makes Waves

Arafat Gets Evicted

Mayor Giuliani replies that Chairman Arafat is an unpunished murderer and a terrorist. Nobody is defending the Palestinian's past. What the mayor ignores, however, is that Mr. Arafat appears to be

To achieve the goal, even the thought of a tax cut should be deferred. The Republicans are wrong to push for the large, loosely conceived tax cut that is so large a part of their agenda. The president was

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

While the mayor was insulting Mr. Arafat, a Harlem Baptist church and the Council on Foreign Relations were welcoming Fidel Castro, the Cuban president. His hosts have right and reason to receive him. We just wish they could find ways to convey some awareness that he is a 37-year dictator and champion violator of human rights.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

By William Safire

Then why not let the Cuban people vote? "I am not afraid, but we do not have presidential elections in our country." Later, he compared his selection to that of the Pope, elected by a ballot of cardinals. All this nonsense is being peddled by

After seizing power, he lost his revolutionary soul by taking Cuba down the Communist road to repression. He lost all chance for prosperity by burdening the people with 3.2 million government workers and a huge standing army to protect his regime from any need for elections. He lost Cuba's independence by making it a vassal of the Soviet Union, addicted to Soviet subsidies, renting out Cuban youth as mercenaries in Moscow's failed African adventures; and when that blood money dried up, Cubans suffered as never before.

This is the plaintive we're-no-longer-a-

It will only be "time" when Dictator Castro quits or submits to free elections. Communism is tyranny that is bound to fail. Let the loser lose.

New York Times Service

By Stephen Sestanovich

As a Russian falls back on the fallacy of nuclear

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The writer is vice president for Russian and Eurasian affairs at the Carnegie Endowment. He contributed this comment to *The New York Times*.

By Philip Bowring

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Banham Silpa-archa is not the main worry of the Bangkok establishment.

Establishment.

By Maureen Dowd

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1945: Lev Kills Self

the Nuremberg city jail. The former Labor Front boss strangled himself with a towel in the bare cell where he had been awaiting trial as a war criminal next month before an Allied court. His suicide

1920: Japan Pioneers

TORONTO—It is stated here that the Japanese are planning pioneer settlements in Northern Ontario. A

before an Allied court. His suicide came one day short of a week after he had been indicted for crimes against humanity. Ley joined the Nazi party in 1920. He was reported to have originated the "Heil Hitler" salute.

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OPINION/LETTERS

Blacks Just Cannot Wait
For Perfect Leadership

By William Raspberry

WASHINGTON — You cannot separate the message from the messenger.

You've heard it often enough in the days leading up to the Million Man March and in the aftermath of that image-changing event. You heard it from critics of the march, as an explanation of their opposition. You heard it from the likes of Ben Chavis, late of the NAACP, arguing that participation in the event was, willy-nilly, an endorsement of the man who called it: the race-baiting anti-Semitic Nation of Islam minister, Louis Farrakhan.

You cannot separate the message from the messenger. I've probably said it myself. But is it true? Can it be that the truth lies the other way — that you have to separate the message from the messenger?

These are idle questions only to those among us who are content to separate the world into black folk and enemies. For the rest of us, who will not let our friendships and alliances be limited by race, the questions are agonizing.

Black Americans — and young black men in particular — are beset with problems whose solution requires strong and consistent leadership. And that leadership hasn't been there. It isn't that the traditional leadership organizations — the Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the church — haven't tried. They simply have not had the ability to reach a significant number of the young people most in need of being reached. The call to responsible behavior, to academic exertion and nonviolence, when it comes from the traditional voices, may sound like a call to "wimp out."

If it is heard at all, the leadership vacuum has been almost palpable. It is into that vacuum that Mr. Farrakhan now comes, with his hatefulness unannounced but with his effectiveness unquestioned. (One measure of the vacuum is that even after the fact we don't know how to capture and build on the obvious power and goodwill generated by the march.) If you believe, as I do, that the leadership he perhaps brings is necessary and possibly lifesaving for a generation of our children, you have a hard time knowing how to respond to friends and allies who tell you that you have to renounce the only leadership that is out there.

You tell them of the good things

the Nation of Islam has been able to accomplish — of its peculiar facility for transforming criminals and thugs into bow tie-wearing gentlemen, of their success in instilling pride in young men who never had much of it, of their ability to clean up open-air drug markets by the sheer force of their unarmed presence — and they tell you that Mussolini made Italy's trains run on time.

In other words, you shouldn't separate the message of personal transformation from the messenger who, too often, spews hatred.

Aren't we being told, in fact, that we should wait for perfect leadership — and at a time when our children's need for leadership is desperate and when no paragon is on the horizon?

If the Urban League's Hugh Price had called a competing march last week, I would have supported it without a qualm. If Nelson Mandela had sounded the call to repentance and atonement, the Mall wouldn't have been big enough to hold the crowd.

But America's black men were not asked to choose between Mr. Farrakhan's march and Mr. Mandela's. The choice was Mr. Farrakhan's or nothing — and nothing just won't do.

We have thousands of young men, already in trouble or on the verge, who are starving for responsible leadership. Mr. Farrakhan offers a picnic table laden with a number of good dishes and a few foul — even poisonous — ones. Our friends tell us we must tip the table over, lest our children come down with ptomaine of the soul.

Cora Masters Barry, a professor of political science and wife of the Washington mayor, notes that Lyndon Johnson was just another Southern politician (with the views then associated with Southern politics) until he was thrust into national leadership. He grew into the job. She thinks the best way to make Mr. Farrakhan abandon the baggage of his anti-Semitism and racism is to test him with the leadership he craves.

Could acknowledged leadership really induce the chef to clean up his act? It's an interesting idea. Mine is simpler: Until somebody comes forth with a less-flawed banquet for a leadership-starved generation, we might want to put off upending the table and begin teaching our children what is good for them — and what they shouldn't swallow.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Role of the State

In response to "In Poland, Changes Will Stick and Communism Is Pale Pink" (Opinion, Oct. 13), by Flora Lewis:

The writer has accurately assessed the mood in post-Communist Poland but overlooked the impact of the transformations on social policy. Poles have weathered the storm by successfully implementing the Western-prescribed, bittersweet medicine known as shock therapy. They have managed to bring back from the brink of collapse a planned economy drained by decades of Soviet-led exports. But the side effects of such a large dose of shock with little therapy are still unknown.

What is clear is that radical restructuring of the economy has taken its toll on social services, pensions, health care and education. The role of government is being

redefined. Doctors, teachers and other government employees are deeply dissatisfied with the present state of affairs. There is yet no social policy or safety net in place to protect the population from the nefarious effects of "Wild West" capitalism.

The return of the former Communist apparatus to government in the present context is therefore not surprising. The average citizen perceives political leaders as too eager to please the marketplace at the expense of public welfare.

The fact that left-leaning politicians have gained power at a time of remarkable growth in Poland and elsewhere in central Europe is a clear warning to the West's wise men that a healthy and prosperous economy needs a generous social welfare system as well.

The challenge faced by central European politicians is to create nei-

ther costly and debt-laden welfare states, nor unbridled economies driven by profit margins alone. The role of the state in fostering both economic prosperity and social justice in the coming millennium may well be determined in the crucible of change that is Central Europe.

MICHAEL WERBOWSKI
Prague.

Fables Corrected

Maureen Dowd ("A Pretty Picture Rebutts a Sordid Life" Opinion, Oct. 3) misquotes Woody Allen's dictum on human foibles. What he said in the self-interview in "Husbands and Wives" was: "The heart does not know from logic." This does not dilute her thesis that Mr. Allen has lost his moral compass, but maybe it helps put it in perspective.

HARVEY A. LEVE
Jakarta.

In the No-Shame Contest,
Tobacco Execs Take First

By Richard Cohen

NEW YORK — A parochial high school here held a dance recently and I happened to have passed it twice — once on the way to a museum, the other on the way back. The first time, knots of kids were heading toward the dance. Many of them were smoking. The second time, the kids were milling around outside. Once again, many of them were smoking. In loco parentis, I nearly went just plain loco.

Those kids are a tragedy in the making. Sooner or later, their smoking will catch up with them and

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some of them will die before their time. Most of them will become addicted, since the teenage years are when the habit seems to stick. Let a 13-year-old smoke and, in due course, you will get one of the 418,000 Americans who annually die of diseases caused by the weed. I worry about those kids.

Ah, but I am instructed to worry more about the government's efforts to do something about those kids. In full-page newspaper ads, R. J. Reynolds shows a man, balding and casually dressed, being handcuffed and placed in a "Federal Anti-Smoking Police" car.

"The last thing our police forces want to worry about is America's 45 million smokers," says the ad. "HAS THE GOVERNMENT GOT ITS PRIORITIES RIGHT?"

The ad puts its finger on a vile evil — not cigarette smoking, as you might think, but "big government" solutions that have been proposed to curtail underage smoking. After all, the ad points out that the government has "not stopped crime, unemployment, the deficit or drugs."

I confess to grudging admiration of the tobacco industry's tenacity. Given that nothing good can be said about cigarettes, given that there is no question they are a health menace, I would have thought that shame alone would silence the industry and that, in repentance or atonement or some such thing, it would cooperate in its own dismantling. The least you can do, if you happen to be a tobacco industry executive, is turn over your fortune to charity and spend the rest of your life doing good works.

But the industry, instead, has turned on the government. It is fighting the Clinton administration's plans to prevent teenage

smoking. The White House wants to severely limit cigarette advertising, ban vending machine sales, prohibit the sponsorship of sporting or entertainment events by brand names of cigarettes (although not by the company itself) and declare cigarettes a drug-delivery device.

None of this is needed, the tobacco industry says. It has declared its advertising ineffective, although for some reason it will persist in spending massively on advertising campaigns. "We all agree we must do something to keep cigarettes out of the hands of children under the age of 18," the newspaper ad says. "But the answer isn't more bureaucracy." It's teaching "young people how to resist peer pressure."

So off not, you cynics out there. The industry has a point. Something akin to peer pressure must explain why few black kids smoke while many white ones do — only 5 percent of black high school seniors versus 23 percent of their white counterparts. Black role models — entertainment figures, sports stars — are rarely seen smoking. White movie stars, especially young ones, are often photographed with a cigarette. These fools are doing a lot of damage. Underage smoking is up — 30 percent since 1991 among eighth graders alone.

But the newspaper ads are doing some damage of their own. They are cynical attempts to exploit anti-government sentiment and they make no sense whatsoever. Would the tobacco lobby argue that the government shouldn't regulate the sale and advertising of liquor? A better question: If the government didn't regulate the industry, would it regulate itself?

Granted that advertising is not the sole reason kids take up smoking, but as a one-time smoker (ah, yes, a zealot like all converts), I can testify to the validating power of advertising. It is a form of peer pressure. It may well be where peer pressure originates. At least that is the hope behind any advertising campaign.

The cigarette industry has suddenly become suspiciously ACLUish. But its reasons, I suspect, have more to do with making a buck than with civil liberties. It is attempting to make smoking the equivalent of a constitutional right — free speech, assembly and lighting up. As a quitter, I reject that argument. As a cause, it's not worth dying for.

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BOOKS

THE VERY BEST MEN:
Four Who Dared — The
Early Years of the CIA

By Evan Thomas. 448 pages.
\$27.50. Simon & Schuster.

Reviewed by David Wise

THERE is one small but telling anecdote near the end of Evan Thomas's wonderful book that explains the Bay of Pigs and a lot of other CIA debacles. Tracy Barnes — tall, blond, and dashing, a character out of F. Scott Fitzgerald and one of the architects of the CIA's failed invasion of Cuba — had taken his grandchildren to an island in Narragansett Bay for a Fourth of July picnic. The fog rolled in and Barnes loaded everyone into the boat. He hit the throttle and gave his wife, Janet, who was sitting in the stern, a big A-OK sign. She beamed. But at the wheel, a guest asked nervously, "Do you know where you're going?" Barnes shrugged. "No, keep a watch out," he replied. The boat "roared off in the wrong direction and almost ran into a warship at Quonset Point Naval Base."

Thomas has produced a jewel of a book. "The Very Best Men" is a road map to un-

derstanding what went on inside the CIA during the height of the Cold War. As a way in to the clandestine world, Thomas has chosen to detail the lives and fortunes of four men who ran the agency's covert operations during its most free-wheeling era in the 1950s and 1960s. The target was the Soviet Union; the CIA men sincerely, if grandiosely, felt that the survival of the Free World depended on them.

Better than most, Thomas has grasped the fact that the roots of power in Washington were to be found as much in the salons of Georgetown, where Richard Bissell and Frank Wisner mingled with the journalists Joe Alsop and Alfred Friendly, as behind the locked doors of the CIA. To know these men, one has to understand their social and educational roots; in many ways Scroll and Key, a Yale secret society, was as important as cloak and dagger.

Born to privilege, they all seemed to have gone to Groton and Yale or the equivalent, where they acquired social graces, arrogance and an enormous self-confidence which often greatly exceeded their competence. It was a mismatch between style and performance

WHAT THEY'RE READING

• Michel Soyer, Paris social events organizer, is reading "Les Egéries Russes" by Gonzague Saint-Bris and Vladimir Fedorovski.

"In this beautiful book I find the romance and glamour of the Russian courts. Their role model was Louis XIV. French was spoken because it was the fashionable language and Veuve Clicquot the chic champagne." (Margaret Kemp, IHT)



that proved, in many cases, a sure recipe for disaster for themselves and the United States.

Barnes and Bissell, under Wisner's supervision, overthrew the leftist government of Guatemala in 1954. Barnes got a medal for it. But the ironically named "Operation Success" paved the way for four decades of military dictatorship, brutal repression and torture in that country.

Bissell, a nerd at Yale, was universally regarded as brilliant. He conceived of the U-2 spy plane, an enormous success that ended in disaster when one was shot down in 1960. He also was the father of the Bay of Pigs, which never had a chance of toppling Fidel Castro, regardless of the subsequent debate over air cover and President Kennedy's role.

Frank Wisner's messianic goal was to "roll back" the Iron Curtain. His agents, parachuted into the Soviet Union, were all captured and executed. Wisner committed suicide in 1965.

Evan Thomas, the Washington bureau chief for Newsweek and the co-author or author of two previous books, was given extraordinary access by the CIA to a number of the previously secret histories of its

operations. In turn, he had to sign a "secrecy agreement," the precise nature of which is not explained. Presumably, this gave the CIA the right to review at least those portions of the manuscript based on its secret files. Thomas owed it to the reader to spell out clearly whether the agency had the right of prepublication review, but he does not do so, an unfortunate omission in an otherwise admirable work.

Still, the intelligence agency may be kicking itself for having opened up its secret files. For Thomas, whatever the CIA's expectations, has not glorified these buccannery of the Cold War. He captures their humanity and succeeds in making them real, often sympathetic and sometimes likeable. But he also portrays their foibles, their patrician egotism, the hare-brained quality of many of their schemes, and their hopelessly quixotic natures. Indeed, on Thomas's canvas, the CIA's Brahmins appear almost as children who never grew up, well-educated Boy Scouts attempting to divert the river of history with toothpicks.

David Wise, the author of "Nightmover," a book about the Aldrich Ames spy case, wrote this for The Washington Post.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

IT was a tense finish to qualifying play at the Marlboro World Championships in Beijing earlier this month. Only three of four American teams survived.

The diagramed deal from the 11th qualifying round caused considerable excitement. A few North-South pairs reached six spades, which was unbeatable, but six hearts by North was the most popular contract, sometimes doubled.

Three East players, Philip Gue of Australia, Marcelo Villegas of Argentina and Andrea Rauscheid of Germany, were inspired to lead the spade ace followed by another spade to give West a ruff.

The Dutch North blasted a six-heart bid at his first opportunity, and East for the Cayne team had no clue to the winning opening lead.

In the replay, as shown, the Dutch West opened two no-trump, showing moderate values with length in the minor suits.

Mike Passell as North then embarked on an orgy of minor-

suit cue-bids, hoping that his partner would realize that the spade ace was all he needed to make a grand slam.

He did not have that card, and the upshot was that South, rather than North, became the declarer in six hearts doubled.

It was now easy for West to lead the spade jack and for East to win and return the suit. West ruffed, and the Americans lost 17 imps.

NORTH
♠ KQ75
♥ A K Q J 10 9 2
♦ —
♣ A

WEST (D)
♠ J
♥ 7 8
♦ Q 10 8 6 3
♣ K Q 9 7 2

EAST
♠ A 2
♥ 5 4
♦ A 9 5 2
♣ 10 8 6 5 4

SOUTH
♠ 10 8 6 4 3
♥ 8 3
♦ K J 7 4
♣ J 3

North and South were vulnerable.

The bidding:
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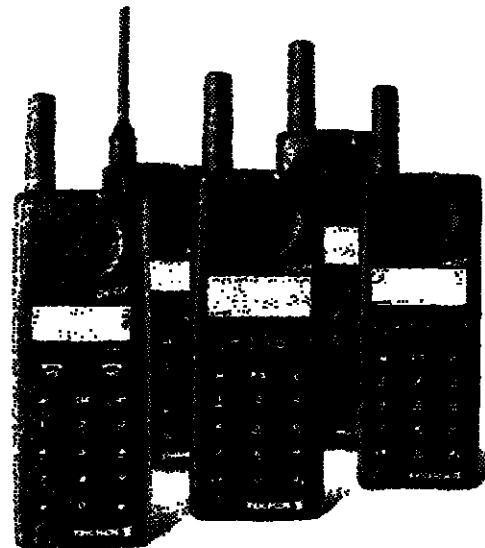
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Getting Most Out of Your Mileage

By Roger Collis
International Herald Tribune

YOU'VE spent thousands of dollars and heaven knows how much management time piling up frequent-flyer miles. You thought you'd played your miles right by routing yourself from New York to London via Anchorage, charging everything to your credit card and staying in inconvenient hotels for the sake of triple points. And now that the time has come to redeem those hard-earned miles for a dream vacation with your family, the airline has the

The Frequent Traveler

chutzpah to inform you that that destination has been dropped from the program, there's a blackout for the dates you want to travel, or that while revenue seats are available, there are no seats left for frequent fliers.

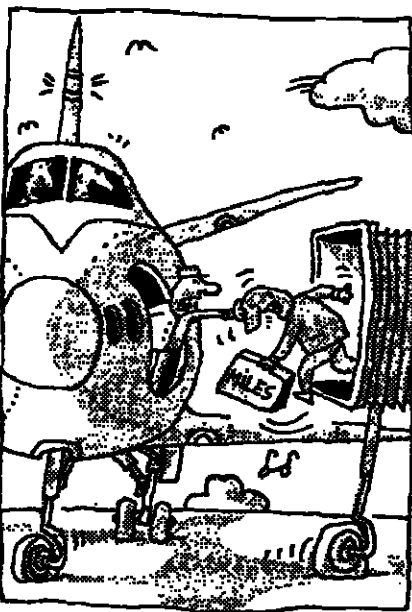
You might have known that there's no such thing as a free flight.

"Planning award travel is similar to planning ordinary paid travel," says FFP guru Randy Petersen. "But just different enough to make you crazy. This is because programs have different rules about redemption procedures, transferability, and blackout dates. On average, airlines set aside about 10 percent of their seats systemwide for frequent fliers. It varies by destination. Between Los Angeles and Honolulu the figure will be less than 10 percent; between Madison and Green Bay, Wisconsin, the figure might be nearly 100 percent."

Part of the problem is supply and demand. In the last two years, award redemption has grown by some 50 percent, but the number of seats has not grown accordingly. So supply and demand is a factor, and so is bad timing.

Most airlines impose blackout periods for frequent-flyer awards during major holidays. Some prohibit all award trips on some routes during peak travel seasons, such as flights between Europe and North America in summer. Since the beginning of this year, airlines have brought in stiff new rules that make it harder to earn miles by raising award levels, along with stricter time limits for redeeming them. Some airlines are putting the squeeze on infrequent fliers by closing the account — even with as much as 20,000 miles of credit — if you haven't flown within the last 18 months. It's almost as easy to lose miles as to earn them. Few frequent fliers these days cherish thoughts of retiring as peripatetic mileage millionaires.

Airlines are raising the hurdles because of the meteoric rise in FFP membership, with more than 150 million people signed up worldwide, and the contingent liability



Nicholas Aschaff

if everybody cashed in their miles at the same time. According to Petersen, there are about 1.3 trillion miles floating around the system.

Not that Armageddon is imminent. Pundits reckon that, out of 644 billion miles earned in 1994, only 278.6 billion were redeemed. According to the OAG Business Lifestyle Survey 1994 of European frequent travelers, although 97 percent of respondents say they intend to redeem their miles, only half of them have done so.

THE best guide to keeping track of FFP miles is Petersen's Official Flyer Guidebook, detailed information on more than 70 airline, hotel, car rental and card programs worldwide.

There is a chapter on redeeming miles and points along with pages of charts on redemption levels and blackout periods. The updated 1996 (fourth edition) is due out in January.

Here are some ways to avoid frustration when you come to redeem FFP miles:

- Plan your trip as far ahead as possible as award seats fill up quickly, especially in first and business class. Award seats on most airlines can be ticketed 320 days in advance. Have several dates and times in mind when you call to book your flight. You have the best chance of redeeming your award if you fly midweek (Tuesday or Wednesday are best) and avoid major holiday times.

- If seats are not available, ask to be put on the waiting list. Check often for cancellations by calling as early in the morning as possible, when newly available seats are posted to airline computers. Call the airline

once or twice a week, especially 60 days or closer to the time you want to fly.

- Try booking different routes, because nonstop flights tend to fill up faster; suggest departure from another city or consider flying into one city and back from another if you can get seats that way (an "open-jaws" ticket).

- Most airlines waive blackout dates if you redeem with double the miles required for a normal ticket. But it may be the only way to go.

- Consider buying a ticket and using your miles for an upgrade to a premium class ticket with a firm reservation. (Not all FFPs allow upgrades — especially from an excursion fare — a key factor when choosing a program). Between North America and Europe, upgrades from economy excursion fares typically require 40,000 miles. Even though the value of mileage required for an upgrade can exceed the cost of an economy ticket, it may be the most practical way to trade mileage for comfort — indeed an assured seat. It may be worthwhile buying a more expensive ticket in order to use an upgrade.

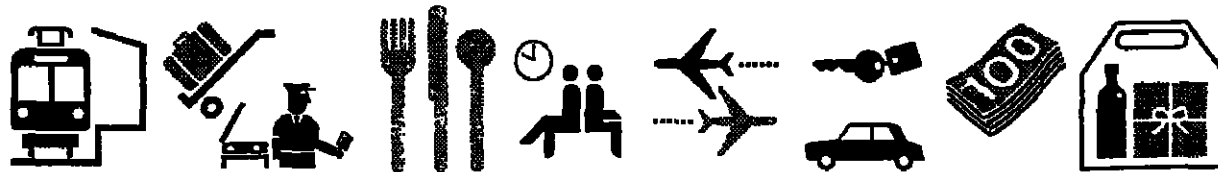
- Flying long-haul, don't spend miles on an upgrade from economy to first — just upgrade to business class. Few airlines outside North America allow you to upgrade with FFP miles. And not all upgrades work the same way. What really counts in a program is the ability to upgrade from any published fare.

- Many airlines refuse to give mileage credit on consolidator tickets, or allow you to use them for upgrades. Given that such tickets can save you around 40 percent on published first or business class fares, this may be an acceptable trade-off. But it's worth asking your travel agent for a more expensive consolidator ticket that does allow you to earn and redeem mileage.

- A general rule: redeem FFP miles for expensive tickets, not cheap ones. If all stratagems fail, you may be better off buying a cheap ticket for your vacation and saving your mileage for another trip. (Figure that each FFP mile is worth two cents.) Or use your miles to cover hotels, car rental, and other services. Staying free at a resort hotel could save you more than if you had redeemed those miles for an award flight. Or else trade miles for adventure trips on hot-air balloons or merchandise that you could pick up cheaper at a discount store. (JAL, for example, offers a Royal Copenhagen porcelain coffee set, or a Nikon F-801 camera in exchange for 100,000 miles.)

The Official Flyer Guidebook, price \$17.95 (including p&p) from Inside Flyer, 4715-C Town Center Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80916-4709, or Frequent Flier Services, 24/28 The Code Centre, 189 Munster Road, London SW6 6AW. Tel: (171) 385-6412. Fax: (171) 386-9421.

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AMERICAN AIRLINES	London to United States	AAdvantage members earn 25,000 bonus miles on round-trip, full-fare first- or business-class tickets from London to New York (JFK), Chicago or Boston. Only one bonus per member. For travel by Dec. 31.
CATHAY PACIFIC	Worldwide	Passages members traveling first or business class on any three Cathay flights from Oct. 15 to Dec. 15 earn 40,000 bonus kilometers.
HILTON	Bangkok	Two-night package for \$236 includes city view room, American breakfast, welcome drink and fruit basket and use of fitness center. Until Dec. 31.
INTER-CONTINENTAL	Seoul	"Deluxe" junior double suite and breakfast for \$215. Until Dec. 31.
KLM/AIR UK	Hong Kong to Europe	Round-trip economy fare 9,999 Hong Kong dollars (\$1,300) allows up to six stopovers in Europe. Choice includes Amsterdam, London, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Madrid, Frankfurt, Milan, Nice, Paris, Zurich. Until Dec. 15.
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SHERATON WALKER HILL	Seoul	"Deluxe" or "executive" rooms at \$150 a night. Until Dec. 31.
UNITED AIRLINES	London to New York	Special business-class fare of £888 one-way from Heathrow to JFK and Newark saves 20 percent on normal price. First and business passengers get free limos. Mileage Plus members earn 25,000 bonus miles on the round-trip. Until Dec. 31.
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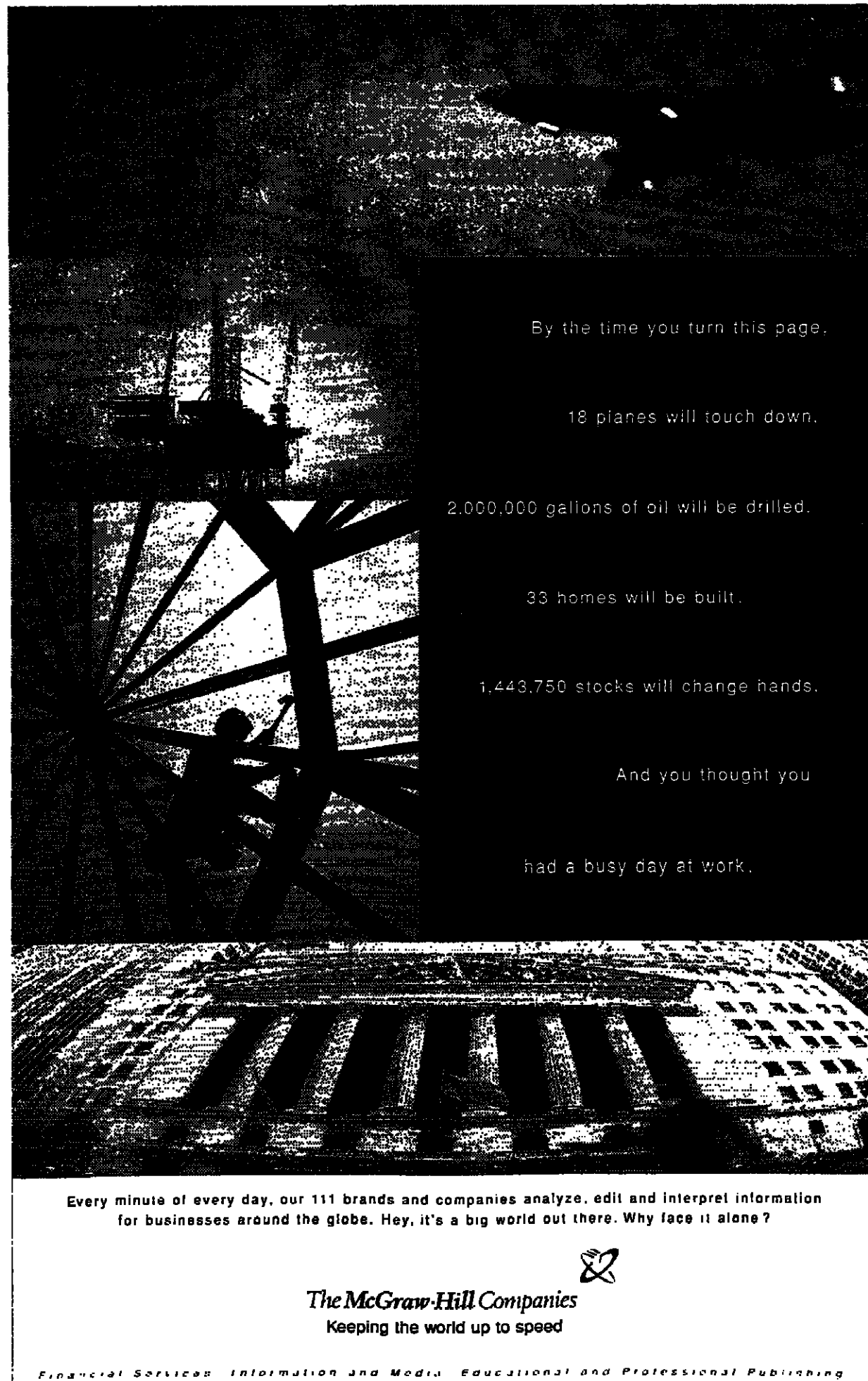
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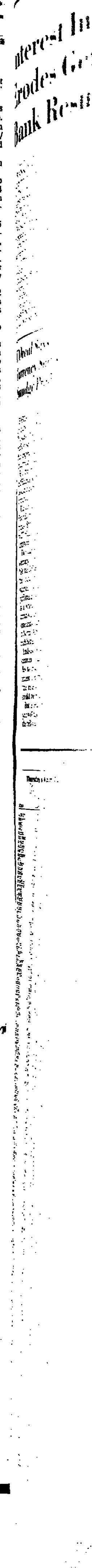
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SEC Looks Into Milken's Activities

MARKET: U.S. Shares Slump

Lynch lowered its investment opinion on Exxon to "neutral."



Kerkorian Aide Unveils His Demands

■ Peso at 7-Month Low

lowest level in seven months, dragging down markets across Latin America, on concern the government does not have an adequate plan to pull the economy out of recession. Bloomberg Business News re-

Dollar Eases as Yeltsin Panic Subsides

points. Brazil's Bovespa index plunged 7 percent while Argentina's Merval index fell 4 percent.

the situation on the ground in Mexico is much worse than they previously thought," said Ali Naqvi, who helps manage \$300 million for Citibank Global Asset Management. "The recovery will be slower than they

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Interest Income Erodes German Bank Results

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
FRANKFURT — Third-quarter profit reports on Thursday by two of Germany's biggest banks showed growing pressure on earnings from their core lending businesses.

Deutsche Bank AG fell short of expectations with sluggish growth, but Commerzbank AG met them by doubling operating profit in the first nine months of the year.

Deutsche Bank reported that operating profit totaled 3.23 billion Deutsche marks (\$2.32 billion) in the first nine months, up just 3 percent from the year-earlier period. Net interest in-

come, the main component of operating earnings, fell 5 percent, to 8.18 billion DM.

Deutsche Bank said operating profit rose 66 percent in the third quarter from the year-earlier quarter. Dieter Hein, bank analyst at BHF Bank AG, said the year-on-year comparison was bound to be better because the second half of 1994 was weak.

At Commerzbank, operating profit rose 114 percent in the nine-month period, to 1.22 billion DM. Net interest income at the bank rose just 2 percent in the period, to 3.87 billion DM. Commerzbank said it would raise its basic dividend payout this year if business remained satisfactory, but it gave no further details.

Deutsche Bank shares closed at 63.57 DM, down 1.01 DM, while Commerzbank shares slipped 2.10 DM, to 32.3 DM.

Both banks revealed the pressure on lending margins that casts a shadow over their long-term prospects.

Improved trading income and reduced risk provisions offset sluggish interest revenues, but analysts remained concerned.

Ian McEwen, analyst at Merrill Lynch & Co., said he was cutting his forecast for Deutsche Bank's 1995 operating profit by 15 percent, to 4.15 billion DM. He said even if the second half was better, the new results showed less improvement than he had expected. He also lowered his 1996 forecast for Deutsche to 4.4 billion DM from 5.1 billion.

Deutsche Bank reduced risk provisions by 838 million DM, or 53.2 percent in the period, to 738 million DM. Commerzbank cut provisions by 577 million DM, or 51 percent, to 562 million DM.

Improved markets helped both banks. Deutsche said trading income rose 293 million DM, or 69 percent, to 722 million DM. Commerzbank trading income almost quintupled, rising 285 million DM, to 361 million DM.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Spain's Banks on Alert
Argentina Said Ripe for Takeover

MADRID — Just over a year after the last upheaval in Spain's banking sector, merger talk has reappeared in the form of rampant speculation that state-owned Argentaria SA is ripe for takeover.

Economy Minister Pedro Solbes has tried to counter the rumors, but with national elections expected to take place next March, the future of the banking group remains unclear.

In the past five years, Spain has gone through two major bank mergers: the creation of a state banking group and Banco Santander SA's takeover last year of the struggling Banco Español de Crédito SA. Some executives in the sector feel that is enough.

Santander has played down talk of any more rationalization among the big banks, and Mr. Solbes echoed that on Thursday.

"We already have a high level of bank concentration," he said, "and I don't see any need for a further merger among the big groups."

But executives at Banco Bilbao Vizcaya, still smarting from effectively ceding sector leadership to Santander, have made it clear that their bank is still ambitious. Taking over Argentaria would go far toward restoring its dominance.

Argentaria appears to be vulnerable. Although initially profitable after two phases of privatization in 1993, it has been hit by capital market losses and bad loans. Its share price is about 40 percent below its last flotation level.

Francisco Luzon, the bank's chairman, has felt the heat, recently putting up a spirited defense of the bank's performance and expressing his hope that Argentaria could remain independent.

But last week, former Economy Minister Carlos Solchaga stoked controversy by hinting that Argentaria could be a candidate to be absorbed by another bank. A popular theory is that he was acting on behalf of BBV, his former employer. BBV on Wednesday energetically disputed such talk, but did not deny that Argentaria was of strategic interest.

The future of Argentaria is also unclear for political reasons. The opposition Popular Party, favored to win in elections due next March, has not said what it plans to do with the state bank created in 1991, beyond privatizing it further. Mr. Solbes said an additional 25 percent would be privatized, with the shares aimed largely at small investors, but there is little time to get that done before next March.

Argentaria's Profit Drops 3%

Continued pressure on Argentaria SA's lending margins led to a 3 percent drop in its net profit in the first nine months of the year, Bloomberg Business News reported from Madrid.

Argentaria earned 55.85 billion pesetas (\$460 million), compared with 57.72 billion in the like period a year ago. Earnings were hurt by weakness in core banking operations.

Adidas IPO Gets Early Raves

FRANKFURT — Adidas AG, the German sportswear maker known for its three-stripe logo, appeared poised for victory on Thursday in its upcoming initial public offering, as its shares soared in early, unofficial dealings.

Adidas's parent, the Belgian holding company Sogedim SA, is planning to offer 50.1 percent of the company, or 22.7 million common shares.

The shares were expected to be priced at between 59 and 68 DM in a mid-November listing on the Frankfurt bourse. But German traders said Adidas shares on Thursday traded at 71 to 72 DM. Some analysts had expected a valuation of up to 85 DM.

The shares got a boost on Thursday after Adidas reported another surge in profits. The company's chief executive, Robert Louis-Dreyfus, said the turnaround appeared set to continue into 1996.

Adidas said net income for the first nine months of 1995 rose 78 percent, to 251 million DM, up from 141 million DM in the corresponding period last year. Net sales rose 12 percent, to 2.84 billion DM.

Adidas said the weak dollar did not hurt sales, adding that it actually profited from its currency-

hedging strategy. Adidas produces 98 percent of its goods outside Germany.

"As long as the good news keeps coming, investors are going to be interested in Adidas and willing to pay a premium over its competitors," said Michael Wand, an analyst at Paribas Capital Markets.

Due to industry seasonality, Adidas said sales in the fourth quarter were expected to be significantly lower than previous 1995 quarters, but said orders on hand at the end of September were 27 percent above year-ago levels.

The demand for shares in unofficial trading highlighted the dramatic turnaround at the company under Mr. Louis-Dreyfus, who led the investor group that took over Adidas in late 1994 when it was valued at about 1.4 billion DM.

Under Mr. Louis-Dreyfus, Adidas has undergone a dramatic restructuring that has seen a revamping of product lines and a 65 percent cut in its workforce since 1986, as production has been moved outside Germany to countries with lower costs.

At the same time Adidas has nearly doubled its advertising spending since 1986 to attract what Mr. Louis-Dreyfus described as the "global teenager."

Chairman Sets Plan For Olivetti

Bloomberg Business News

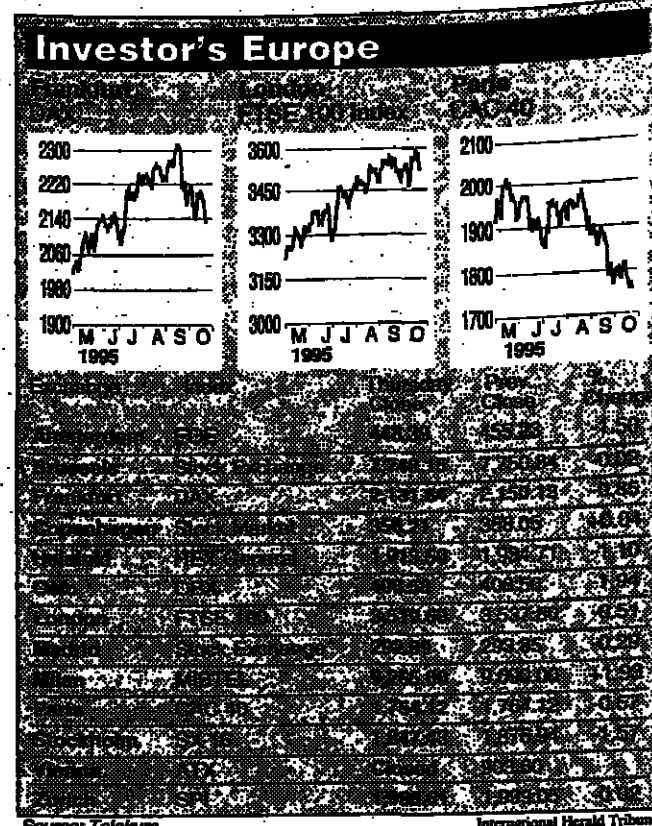
IVREA, Italy — Speaking after shareholders approved a 2.26 trillion lire (\$1.40 billion) rights offering, the chairman of Olivetti SpA said Thursday he would consider selling the company's personal-computer unit if it remained unprofitable at the end of next year.

Carlo De Benedetti said, however, that for now he was committed to making the unit profitable. He said sales at Olivetti should grow 10 percent, to more than 10 trillion lire this year.

The company's net debt was 2.79 trillion lire at the end of August, he said, and will fall to 400 billion lire after the capital increase.

Mr. De Benedetti and a new management team will work on four points to bring Olivetti back to profitability next year:

- The creation of new products.
- Reducing operating costs by shedding 5,000 workers.
- Closing factories in Singapore, Spain and Brazil.
- Speeding up the move into the lucrative telecommunications business.



Very briefly:

- France may give up control of Renault by selling up to 10 percent to select shareholders this year, according to Le Monde, the government, which still holds a 51 percent stake in the carmaker, sold an initial tranche to the public at 165 francs (\$33.66); the shares closed Thursday at 152.10 francs.
- Deutsche Postbank AG has found partners to acquire a majority of the state-owned bank's shares, countering the hostile takeover offer from Deutsche Post AG. The partners are: BHF Bank AG, BHW Bank AG, and Volksfürsorge Holding AG.
- Munich Re said it would raise 580 million Deutsche marks (\$415.2 million) in new equity through the sale of 700,000 shares to existing shareholders; it set an annual dividend of 13.50 DM.
- Ferruzzi Finanziaria SPA shares surged for the third day amid speculation the company would be split up and sold; the stock rose 19 percent, to 1,441 lire, before trading was halted.
- Daewoo Corp. of South Korea reached an agreement with Poland to acquire 70 percent of the carmaker FSO. Bloomberg, AP

Naples Bank's Ratings Cut

Bloomberg Business News

LONDON — Banco di Napoli's debt ratings were cut on Thursday by the bond-rating agency IBCA, and its financial-strength rating was cut by Moody's Investor Service following the Italian bank's announcement earlier this week that it had incurred a record first-half billion loss.

The bank's long-term debt rating was cut to BBB from A-minus by IBCA. Moody's cut its financial strength rating to E from E-plus, and said it might cut its long- and short-term debt ratings. IBCA lowered its short-term rating of Banco di Napoli to A3 from A2.

The Naples-based bank posted a loss of 1.56 trillion lire (\$967.7 million) in the six-month period ended June 30, first-half billion loss worse than forecast, IBCA said. The agency added that large loan losses had brought about the shortfall.

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Thursday's 4 p.m. Close						Stock	Sales	High	Low	Latest	Change
The top 300 most-active shares, up to the closing bell						IBM	6289	114 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	+1 1/4
The Associated Press						Microsoft	1114	54 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	+1 1/2
						Apple	1034	42 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	+1 1/2
						Oracle	6241	38 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	+1 1/2
						Amazon.com	6241	35 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	+1 1/2
						Ally	6241	32 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	+1 1/2
						Verizon	6241	30 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	+1 1/2
						Walt Disney	6241	28 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	+1 1/2
						United Therapeutics	6241	26 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	+1 1/2
						Boeing	6241	24 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	+1 1/2
						General Electric	6241	22 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	+1 1/2
						Johnson & Johnson	6241	20 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	+1 1/2
						Merck	6241	18 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	+1 1/2
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Hunger for Chips Aids Japan Firms

TOKYO — Japan's biggest electronics companies on Thursday reported rapid first-half profit growth, helped by robust semiconductor sales amid a worldwide boom in personal computers and mobile communications equipment.

Announcing parent-company earnings for the April-September half, NEC Corp. said current, or pretax, profit rose 51 percent from a year ago. The company, Japan's top chipmaker, said its profit was 30.51 billion yen (\$303.7 million).

Demand for electronics lifted results at other companies as well. Sharp Corp., a major supplier of flat screens and parts for computers, said its profit was up 12 percent, to 35.04 billion yen, its highest half-year profit ever. Sales rose 3 percent, to 633 billion yen.

Hitachi Ltd. said current profit in the six months rose 28 percent, to 5.91 billion yen, as sales rose 7 percent, to 2 trillion yen. Toshiba Corp. reported a 31 percent rise to 32.33 billion yen, and Mitsubishi Electric posted a 39 percent rise, to 37.4 billion yen.

"World demand for semiconductors and mobile communications equipment was very strong and helped improve our profits," said Masatoshi Umeda, an accounting manager at Mitsubishi Electric Corp.

On Wednesday, Fujitsu Ltd. said net income soared to 30.5 billion yen from 5.6 billion yen because of strong chip sales.

The fast-growing personal-computer market, which is expected to see worldwide sales of more than 50 million units this year, is increasing demand for semiconductors, especially dynamic random-access memory chips, in which Japanese makers are most competitive.

Expecting the personal computer boom to continue in coming years, the companies are

aggressively expanding investment in semiconductor production facilities.

For example, in the 1995-96 year NEC plans 210 billion yen in semiconductor investment. Hitachi plans 180 billion yen, Toshiba 160 billion yen and Mitsubishi Electric 115 billion yen.

Yoshihiro Suzuki, NEC's executive vice president, said annual world sales of personal computers were expected to exceed

100 million units by the year 2000. "This means the good business in the semiconductor sector is likely to continue. We, as a chip provider, need investment on such a scale," Mr. Suzuki said.

For all of the current financial year, NEC said it expects 90 billion yen in parent-company profit, up 49 percent. Hitachi predicted a 35 percent rise, to 120 billion yen; Toshiba forecast a 40 percent gain, to 100 billion yen; and Mitsubishi foresaw a 29 percent climb, to 82 billion yen.

In Japan alone the market for computers in the next four years is expected to grow at about 34 percent a year.

Worldwide semiconductor sales will grow 40 percent, to \$142.3 billion this year, with the market reaching \$233 billion by 1998, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association, a U.S. industry group.

Cellular phones have also surged in popularity in Japan in the last year as falling prices triggered by increased competition have attracted consumers. All the companies that reported earnings Thursday are involved in making either the phones or equipment for cellular-phone networks and exchanges or both.

Mitsubishi sold 21 percent more chips in this half year than last. Sales in Toshiba's information systems and electronic parts division, which includes chips and mobile phone equipment, rose 8 percent, to 988.2 billion yen in the half-year.

Hitachi's worldwide chip sales in period were 450 billion yen, up 30 percent, while NEC sold 550 billion yen in chips, up from 520 billion yen it estimated in May.

NEC said it also benefited from strong personal-computer sales. The leading personal-computer maker in Japan said revenue from the business rose 16 percent in the half year, to 415 billion yen.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Building Sale By Mitsubishi

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Mitsubishi Estate Co., which gave up on a \$1.4 billion investment in Rockefeller Center last month, said Thursday it would sell the Marubeni Building, near the Imperial Palace in central Tokyo, for 75.6 billion yen (\$753 million) to Marubeni Corp., a major trading company.

Mitsubishi Estate said the sale would net it 65.61 billion yen (\$653.5 million). The financial daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun said the proceeds from the sale would be used to make up for losses from Mitsubishi Estate's abandoning its stake in Rockefeller Center.

A Mitsubishi Estate spokesman refused to discuss how the Tokyo sale proceeds would be used, but said the company would report the capital gain as extraordinary profit in the financial year starting April 1.

Shares in Mitsubishi Estate rose 10 yen, to 1,050 yen.

Rules Discourage Vietnam Leases For Foreigners

Bloomberg Business News

HANOI — Foreign investors in Vietnam are facing new regulatory hurdles, which could threaten to bring leasing and development of real estate in the country to a standstill.

All office and residential leases to foreigners will expire on March 31. They will have to be renewed under new regulations introduced by the central government earlier this month.

Only organizations or individuals with land rights or private property owners can lease houses or offices to foreigners in the future. This will outlaw the leasing of state-owned property, which accounts for most Vietnamese real estate.

"Investors now stand to lose years of rent paid in advance and the cost of renovations if they've rented a state-owned property," said Debra Counsel, a lawyer for Phillips Fox, a law firm based in Hanoi.

Leases that do not meet new guidelines will not be renewed. No clause exists in the regulations to force landlords to pay compensation, or to exempt any properties, Mr. Counsel said.

Most of the best property available in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City is leased out or managed by government officials and agencies.

Many leased the property to foreign investors after Vietnam opened its market in 1989. The foreigners then spent thousands of dollars renovating the property and buildings to make them suitable for occupation.

Many foreign investors and developers are now expected to delay any future leases on houses and offices until the implications of the new regulations are clearer.

"No developer will want to invest in Vietnam using these kind of regulations," said Robert Garman of property developer Hong Kong Land Holdings Ltd. The company was lobbying for clarification on whether the decree applies to joint ventures, he said.

Hong Kong Land is close to completing a \$10 million office building in the central business area of Hanoi. The developer is planning to build another office tower in Hanoi in the next few years.

Developers are particularly opposed to the government's proposed standard lease, which all leasing parties will be forced to use in the future.

"The lease is extremely simple and not watertight," said a spokesman for Daeha Center, a \$186 million apartment and office complex joint venture between Daewoo Corp. of South Korea and Hanoi Co. of Hanoi.

For example, the lease also does not include a rent-review clause and is ambiguous about the landlord's responsibilities, Mr. Garman said.

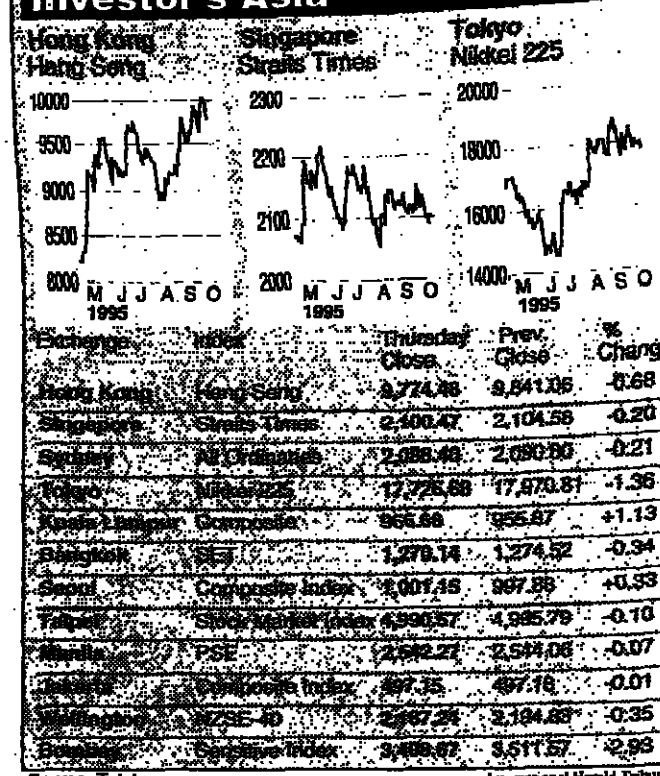
The government is also taking action to tighten up the real-estate market. New rules aimed at Vietnamese partners taking a increased share of foreign joint ventures in hotel and offices are pending.

Daewoo to Upgrade Vietnam Transport

Daewoo gave details Thursday of its \$136 million venture with the state-run Hanoi Car Service Co. to modernize Vietnam's public-transport system, Bloomberg Business News reported from Seoul.

Daewoo will own 65 percent of the venture, which will be established early next year. The project will provide vehicles and establish a nationwide network, covering bus, taxi and truck terminals, hotels, apartments, offices and gas stations.

Investor's Asia



Source: Reuters International Herald Tribune

Very briefly:

• China's central bank plans to sell 20 billion yuan (\$2.4 billion) in short-term bonds at an annual interest rate of 11.88 percent to commercial banks and start controlling the money supply by trading bonds next year, a bank official said.

• China envisages spending at least 200 billion yuan annually through the year 2000 to build housing for poor farmers, but financing will be a problem because the government is strapped for cash, officials said.

• San Miguel Corp. said profit increased 13 percent, to 3.69 billion pesos (\$141.9 million), in the first three quarters, less than expected, as margins at the brewing-and-food conglomerate were squeezed by high commodity prices.

• PepsiCo Inc. plans to sell shares in its unprofitable affiliate Pepsi-Cola Products Philippines Inc. next year, to raise capital for an expansion program to meet growing demand, it said. Pepsi reportedly wants to raise 1.14 billion pesos by selling 25 percent of the company.

• Sony Corp. and two of its subsidiaries plan to form a company in November that will provide Internet access throughout Japan as well as on-line consumer information.

• Acer Peripherals Inc. of Taiwan plans to increase output by at least 25 percent next year, to 5 million computer monitors.

• Japan's Fair Trade Commission has ordered 37 companies to pay 169.56 million yen (\$1.7 million) in fines for rigging bids in official development assistance projects. The fined companies include Sumitomo Corp., Marubeni Corp., Mitsui & Co., Itochu Corp. and Nishio Iwai Corp. and the department-store operators Mitsuoka Ltd., Isetan Co. and Daimaru Inc.

• Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd. has postponed a planned announcement of the territory's first interactive-television company, saying too many details remained unsettled. The company announced in April it would link up with more than 50 companies to form a consortium that would allow home shopping and banking through television sets.

Bloomberg, AP, Reuters, AFP, AFP

Bright Outlook for Machinery Makers

Bloomberg Business News

TOKYO — Two of Japan's biggest heavy-machinery manufacturers on Thursday forecast strong profits for the year, even though one reported a fall in first-half earnings.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd., the largest of Japan's machinery makers, reported a higher-than-expected 26 percent gain in current, or pretax, profit, to 79.2 billion yen, or \$791.74 million, in the first half of the financial year, which ended Sept. 30.

That was its highest total ever for the half year. Sales for the six-month period topped 1 trillion yen on record orders.

The company said the second

half looked even better because of a turnaround in lagged sectors such as general machinery.

Its rival, Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd., said its current profit for the first half fell 28 percent, to 8.1 billion yen, on

sales of 381.9 billion yen.

But for the year, Kawasaki Heavy sees a 12 percent gain in current profit, to 25 billion yen, which would be its second-highest profit ever.

Mitsubishi and Kawasaki

said profit growth in the first half had been tempered by a steady decline in defense orders and the dollar's fall to record lows.

Mitsubishi Heavy's results were buoyed by a surge in demand for power-generation equipment, along with efforts to cut costs in its design division by 20 percent and increase purchases of imported materials to 14 percent from 8 percent, said Yoshihisa Tsuda, Mitsubishi Heavy's executive vice president.

Mitsubishi Heavy raised its current-profit forecast to a record 165 billion yen for the year through March, a 17 percent gain on the year. It had initially forecast a 1.1 percent rise.

Starbucks to Enter Japan

Bloomberg Business News

SEATTLE — Starbucks Corp. said Thursday it would open coffee shops in Japan.

Starbucks Coffee International, the coffee roaster and retailer's international division, is forming a joint venture with Sazaby Inc. of Japan. Starbucks Coffee Japan Ltd., will open the first store in Tokyo in the spring and will open up to a dozen more stores over the next 18 months.

NASDAQ

Thursday's 4 p.m.									
The 1,000 most-traded National Market securities in terms of dollar value, updated twice a year.									
The Associated Press									
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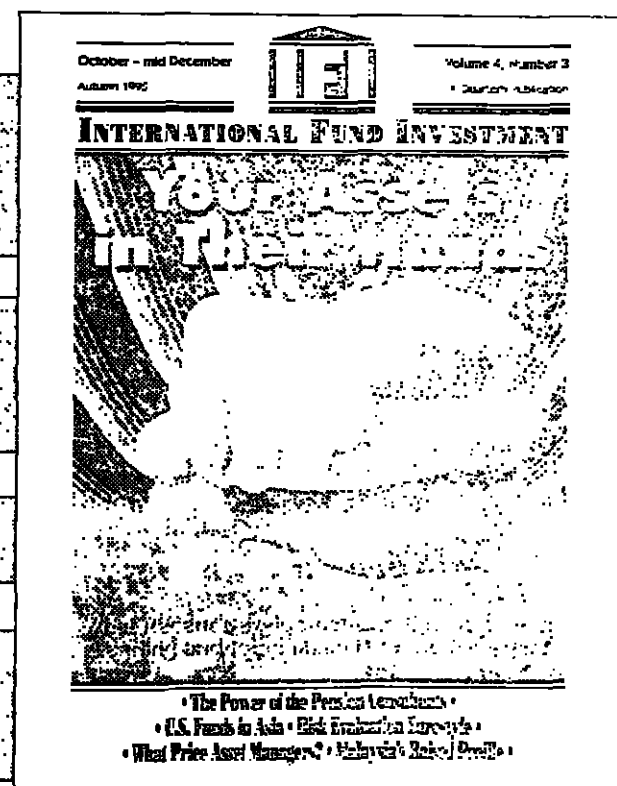
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What's Left to Say? Aim of the Game Is Beating Maddux

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service

CLEVELAND — The Indians are back where they were. Another team meeting by Ken Griffey Jr. may be premature. What is there to say about Greg Maddux that they haven't already said?

"I think we'll be better prepared the second time around than we were the first time around," said Cleveland's manager, Mike Hargrove, before the Braves whacked the Indians, 5-2, on Wednesday night to win the third of four games in this World Series.

"Whether that translates into better production or not, I don't know," Hargrove added.

Those are not very promising words for a team that rolled into the World Series and then lost two straight in Atlanta. They chalked that up to not enough noise in surprisingly base Atlanta. Then the Indians held off the Braves Tuesday night, satisfying all the locals with tickets for Wednesday night's fourth game.

But what other hope is there against Maddux, with the series on the line? Familiarity after one game that yielded exactly two opposite-field singles?

"I don't know that National League hitters have figured him

out the whole time he's been over there, so that's a very difficult question to answer," Hargrove said.

It's all pretty gloomy. Albert Belle did slug a homer on Wednesday night, but he looked relatively tranquilized in other at-bats, and the rest of the Indians didn't do much, either.

Lofton, who called the meeting and urged his teammates to "swing at good pitches, be patient" on the field, was not a factor on Wednesday night, going 0 for 4, after reaching base six straight times in the 7-6 victory in 11 innings Tuesday.

Lofton is a shy man, sometimes even touchy, but he has managed to have a positive impact on the Indians in this Series. The Indians have a lot of positive personalities — Dennis Martinez, Omar Vizquel, Orel Hershiser, Sandy Alomar Jr. — who seem to be enjoying this Series. Vizquel showed up at the party at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Monday night wearing a canary yellow sport coat and his usual alert smile.

But around the ball park, the mood is often affected by the sour behavior of Eddie Murray and Belle. By all accounts, Murray is a delightful teammate, a bright man, who chooses to shut out the media. Fair enough. He also did not let a slump stop him from driving in the winning run Tuesday night.

Belle is normally hostile, but in the pressure of the World Series, he has been snarling at the normal media crush on the field and in the clubhouse. The Indians have posted a press officer near Belle's locker just to avoid an incident.

For a talented team, the Indians have shown signs of vapor lock during this long march. In the first game of the Seattle series, they loaded the bases with nobody out but Belle and Murray lunged at bad pitches and let the Mariners off the hook.

Talent and professionalism eventually won that series, with Lofton scoring from second base on a passed ball when he noticed Dave Wilson, the catcher, was proceeding "gingerly," as Lofton put it. I'd never heard a baseball player use the word "gingerly."

But then again, Lofton has a college degree. His perseverance is part of his proud story. Lofton was raised by his grandmother, Rosie Person, who is nearly blind, in a poor neighborhood in East Chicago, Indiana. He was recruited to the University of Arizona, where he was a sixth man on the Final Four team of 1988, and the point guard the next year. He played only five games of varsity baseball at Arizona and stayed to get his degree in four years.

To keep their season going, the Indians merely have to beat the best pitcher in baseball. They need some runs from Lofton and his teammates. It may be too soon for another closed-door meeting.



The Indians' Jim Thome had words for umpire John Hirschbeck after he struck out.

A New Team for Washington?

By Mark Maske
and Eric Lipton
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — A group of Washington-area investors led by telecommunications executive William Collins 3d is close to completing a deal to purchase the Houston Astros and move them to Washington, local officials familiar with Collins' negotiations said.

Drayton McLane, chairman of the Astros, has agreed to sell the club to Collins' group, but the two sides continue to negotiate over the price after a recent tentative agreement at one price fell through, according to sources close to the situation.

The sale price will probably be \$150 million to \$160 million for a team that has lost \$65 million over the last three years. George L. Barton 4th, the chairman of the Virginia Baseball Stadium Authority, said Wednesday: "An agreement in principle has been made. There has been a handshake."

Collins' Virginia Baseball Club, which plans to leave RPK when a new stadium is built in northern Virginia, had hoped to complete the deal and make an announcement next week, but the time frame remains uncertain, sources said.

Collins said Wednesday that

no agreement had been reached.

The last major league baseball team to move was the Washington Senators, in 1971, when that franchise became the Texas Rangers. On Sunday, acting commissioner Bud Selig and National League president Leonard Coleman said McLane would be asked to try to sell the team to buyers who would keep it in Houston. They said McLane had made no request for relocation of the Astros, as baseball rules require. They also hinted that there's not enough time for a club to move and be ready to play in a new city by next season.

Privately, other baseball officials have been even more adamant that any proposed move by the Astros out of Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, would not be approved.

For the Astros to move to Washington, eight of the 14 American League teams and 11 of the 14 NL clubs would have to vote approval.

Selig and Coleman agreed the Astros were in poor financial health, as were at least a dozen other teams. But they said moving franchises was not an answer to baseball's problems.

Meanwhile, in Houston, Page Cullison, a spokeswoman for Houston's mayor, Bob

Lanier, said Wednesday that the city was far from ready to concede the team.

"The mayor, county judge and business leaders are going to do everything in their power to keep them here," she said.

While some Houston city officials believe the McLane-Collins negotiations are too far along to stop the sale, Mayor Lanier and McLane were together at a press conference Wednesday hoping to generate the sale of 12,000 additional season tickets for the 1996 season.

The Pressure's On Indians As Braves Take 3-1 Lead

By Claire Smith
New York Times Service

CLEVELAND — Cleveland's Mike Hargrove has been the most scrutinized manager in the World Series because of decisions involving the removal, or failure to remove, starting pitchers.

But no decision Hargrove has made will likely match the impact of one made by his counterpart on Wednesday night. Manager Bobby Cox of Atlanta, in possession of a two games to one lead in the Series and also the toughest pitcher in baseball in Greg Maddux, chose to keep his ace on the shelf for Game 4.

Maddux showed the world why he has won three straight Cy Young Awards by stopping Cleveland on two hits in Game 1. But to make sure he would have four days' rest between starts, Cox held him out on Wednesday night, opting to start the left-hander Steve Avery.

Cox not only came up golden, but his team came within one victory of the first championship won by a professional franchise in Atlanta history as Avery provided the pitching and hitters as disparate as powerful Ryan Klesko and David Justice and Luis Polonia provided the offense in a 5-2 Braves victory, giving Atlanta a 3-1 lead in the Series.

The Braves started the night knowing that a victory would put them in an enviable position. Of the 35 teams that have built 3-1 Series leads, 29 won the title. The Indians had to buck those odds Thursday not only against a determined team, but against Maddux, winner of 22 games this year. He has lost just twice, only once since May 17. The last defeat came on Sept. 9, at Cincinnati.

Avery, repeating an ability to produce that he showed in the pennant clincher for Atlanta, limited the Indians to one run and three hits in six innings. He exited in favor of Greg McMichael after watching his teammates secure the victory with a three-run seventh.

The Indian starter, Ken Hill, wriggled into trouble in a 1-1 game by walking Marquis Grissom with one out. Polonia, the player traded by the Yankees so that Darryl Strawberry could

move into the Bronx, continued his pesky hitting by delivering a run-scoring double.

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homer of the Series, which came off Mark Wohlers, who entered at the start of the ninth inning.

After pinch-hitter Paul Sorrento doubled, Pedro Borbon Jr. replaced Wohlers. A pitcher who had not appeared in a game since Oct. 6, when the Braves faced the Rockies in a division playoff, Borbon struck out Jim Thome and Sandy Alomar Jr. The game ended when Justice speared a line drive off the bat of Kenny Lofton.

In his two post-season appearances, Borbon has now faced seven batters and struck out five.

Avery, the Braves' No. 4 starter, was 7-13 during the regular season, but got the nod, in part, because he has been sizzling. He had allowed only three earned runs in his previous three starts and had pitched six scoreless innings in Game 4 of the National League Championship Series against Cincinnati.

"Everybody liked Avery going out to the mound tonight," Atlanta's pitching coach, Leo Mazzone, said. "You have to remember, we have an extra tier of playoffs this year. Our staff has already thrown 104 innings. Why not throw them in their scheduled days with the proper rest?"

Such luxury. Such decisions.

"I guess if things don't work out, Bobby will have to answer some questions," Avery said of Manager Bobby Cox on the eve of his Series debut. "I don't feel any pressure."

Cleveland also had a hot pitcher in Hill, a refugee from the National League, who went 4-1 in 11 regular-season starts after being acquired from St. Louis on July 27. He entered the game 2-0 with no runs allowed in the post-season.

Hill's second victory came when he shut out the Seattle Mariners for seven innings to help Cleveland tie that American League Championship Series at two victories apiece.

"Kenny Hill gained more confidence every time he went out," his catcher, Alomar, said. "In the post-season, he's been outstanding."

Like Avery, he was just that through the first half of the game. Hill allowed only four hits in the first five innings.

Still No Victory for the Hapless Flames

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

The Montreal Canadiens' losing streak is long gone. Now it's the Calgary Flames who are having problems.

Not even a return to their home arena Wednesday night could help the Flames halt their growing winless streak — which reached a franchise-worst eight games (0-5-3) with a 3-2 loss to the Colorado Avalanche.

"We're all looking for answers, but we can't seem to find them," Calgary goaltender Trevor Kidd said. "To come out and not play with much enthusiasm, as we did tonight, was very frustrating. It's scary. Colorado danced circles around us out there. We were lucky to keep the score to only 3-2."

Meanwhile, the Canadiens have suddenly built a winning streak after their 0-5 start, beating the Florida Panthers, 7-2, for their third straight victory under their new coach, Mario Tremblay. Their second-worst start triggered a front-office shakeup that resulted in the firing of general manager Serge Savard and coach Jacques Demers last week.

Peter Forsberg and Owen Nolan each had a goal and two assists as Colorado ruined Calgary's home opener. Jon Flennig also scored for Colorado, which won its first on the road this season after three losses. Scoring for Calgary were German Titov and Ladislav Kohn.

"They were really pumped this morning at practice, really flying," Flames coach Pierre Page said of his team. "Then, tonight, there was nothing."

Canadiens 7, Panthers 2: In Montreal, Brian Savage scored two goals as the suddenly revived Canadiens continued to roll. Pierre Turgeon, Mark Recchi, Benoit Brunet, Saku Koivu and Vincent Damphousse also scored for the Canadiens, who

won their third consecutive home game.

Stu Barnes scored in the second period and Gord Murphy added one in the third for Florida.

"When there's a coaching change, it tends to light a spark under a team," said Brian Skrudland, the Panthers' captain and a former Canadian.

Canucks 4, Devils 2: The line of Trevor Linden, Mike Ridley and Martin Gelinas each scored a goal and visiting Vancouver got New Jersey to play a wide-open game.

Cliff Ronning also scored and Kirk McLean had 20 saves as Vancouver snapped a two-game losing streak and handed the Devils only their second loss in eight games.

Blues 4, Whalers 2: Dale Hawerchuk, benched and accused of playing terribly for

someone making \$2 million a season by Coach Mike Keenan earlier this week, may soon be asking for a raise. Hawerchuk scored one goal and set up three more for St. Louis in Hartford.

Hawerchuk assisted on Jeff Norton's goal 5:22 into the first period and scored his first goal with the Blues 40 seconds later, beating Sean Burke, to stake his new team to a 2-0 lead.

Flyers 3, Islanders 1: In Philadelphia, John LeClair, Mikael Renberg and Rod Brind'Amour each scored during a three-minute span for the Flyers.

Philadelphia's Legion of Doom line played a big part in the game, combining for five points. Center Eric Lindros, who had two assists, has scored at least one point in each Flyers game this season and now has 15 for the season.

The Flyers moved into first place in the Atlantic Division with a 6-1-1 record. Jets 6, Sharks 1: Teemu Selanne had two goals and three assists for Winnipeg, ruining the Sharks' debut of Ray Sheppard and keeping them winless this season.

Sheppard, traded to the Sharks from Detroit on Tuesday for Igor Larionov, started on a line with Craig Janney and Ville Peltonen. A sign in the stands — not appropriate on this night — proclaimed "Ray is Our Sheppard, We Shall Not Want for Goals."

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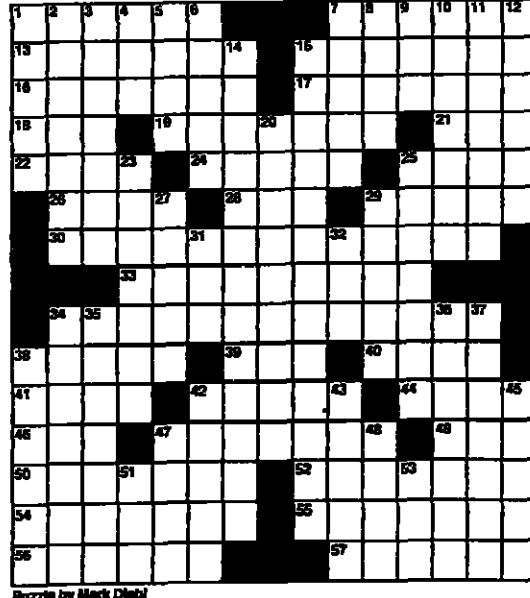
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